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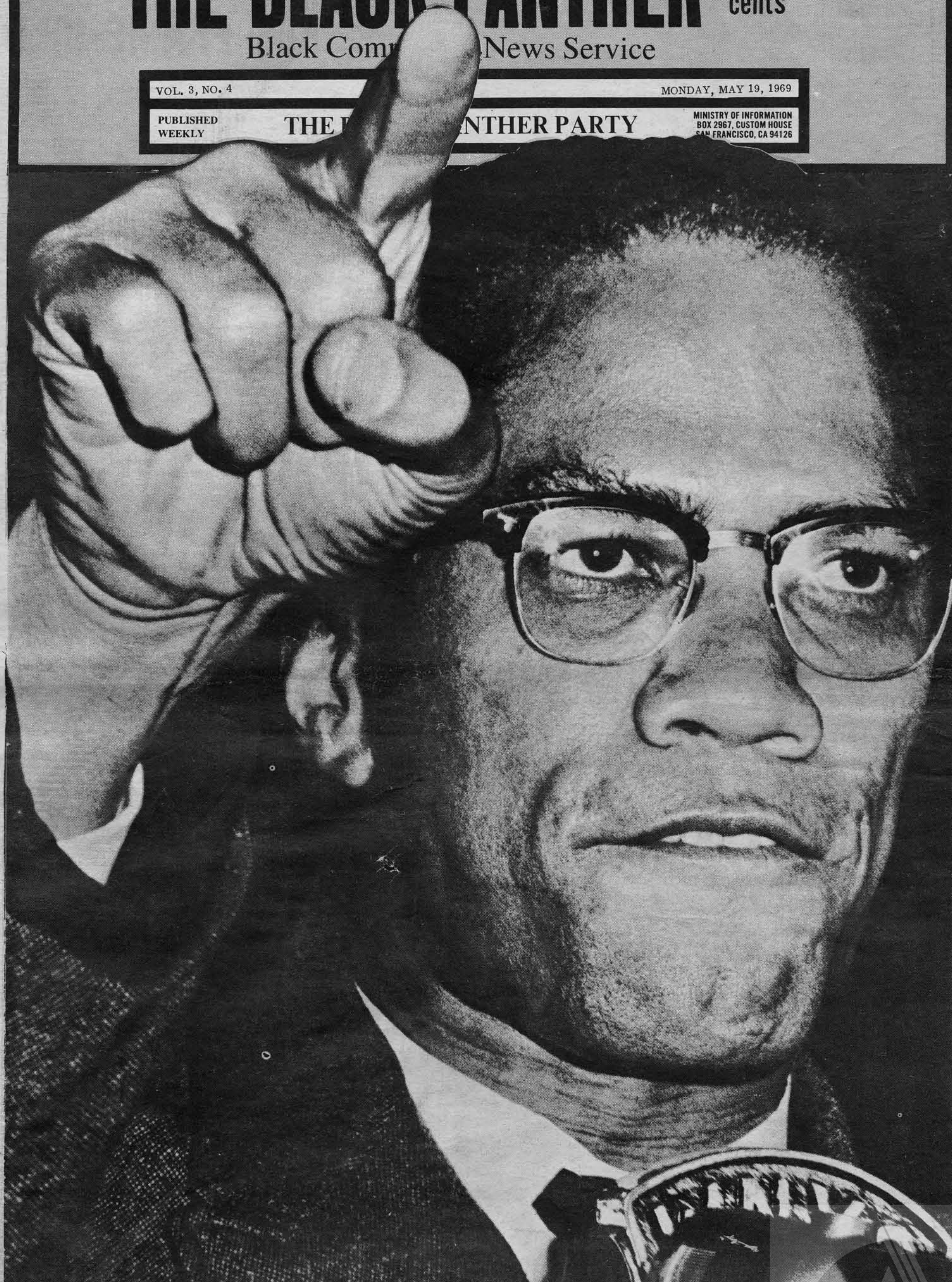
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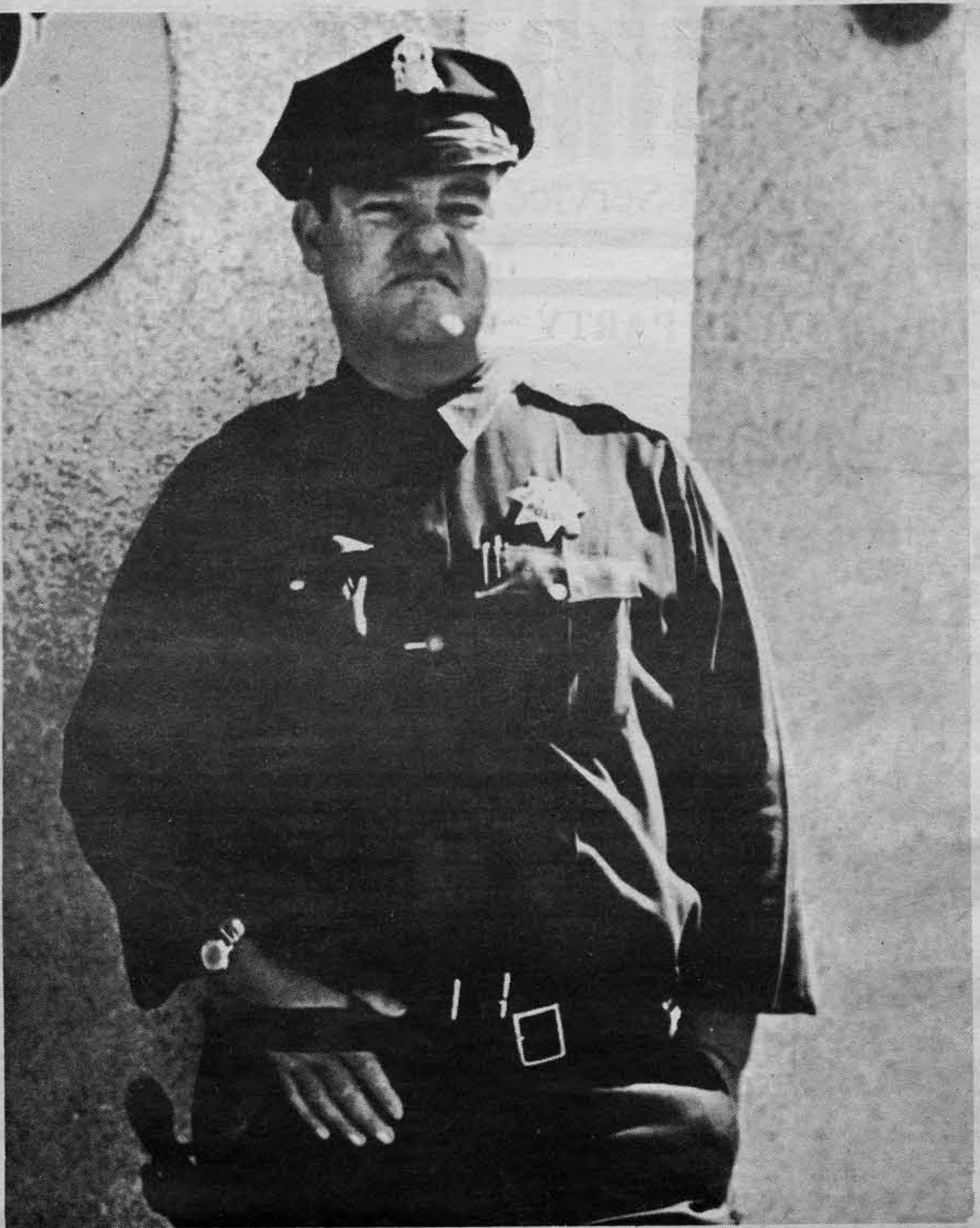
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PIG FEVER

Health authorities caution all persons in the Bay Area about an Epidemic of Pig Fever. The Pigs are Hot, and have produced a Major Escalation of Anti-Black Violence when they used automatic weapons fire against a crowd of Black people in a minor matter involving a lack of a permit for a loudspeaker at the Black Panther Party San Francisco Office.

To use a machine gun, an automatic weapon, to cow a crowd (in a matter which is less than a misdemeanor) is a serious escalation of Pig Fever.

WATCH OUT FOR PIG FEVER, (You don't catch it...It catches YOU!)

AGAIN -A SMITH ACT FRAME-UP

The nightmare is here again. In 1951 dozens of Communist Party members in the U.S. were indicted for violating the Smith Act, during the infamous "McCarthy Period." With the support of labor, and many other the Supreme Court handed down a decision affirming the right of advocacy by anyone and thereby overturning a number of Smith Act convictions.

The Smith Act was used against the Communists. It was really a weapon of big business aimed at the unions, the anti-war and civil rights movement, the students. It was the imperialist reaction to the spread of socialism throughout the world.

NOW THE PANTHERS

Once again the ruling class is fearful. They fear the rising wave of strikes and economic action of the workers and their unions, the growing unity of black and white. It has no answer to people being thrown out of jobs because of automation. It is shaken by the opposition of a majority of people in our land to the imperialist-racist war in Vietnam. Above all, they fear the effective militant black liberation movement, which is speaking out more and more for the need of working class unity, for peace, for the need to change the system.

The charge that Panthers are calling upon people to take up guns and "make a revolution" is bunk. They do advocate their "ten points", among which is armed SELF-DEFENSE. Atty. Charles R. Garry has told the Panthers they have a legal right to have loaded weapons in their homes and places of business.

THE CRIME OF "ADVOCACY"

Just as with the Communists in the 50s, the attempt is being made to prevent the Panthers and everyone else from advocating anything the ruling class does not like. If they succeed it won't be just the Panthers who suffer but the entire labor movement, the peace movement, the student movement, the black, brown and all liberation movements.

Labor in the early 50s recognized the danger to the unions and spoke out. The CIO's 13th Convention deplored the Smith Act's use against Communist leaders and said "it was a grave blow to America's precious heritage." The ILWU International Executive Board of October 29-30, 1951 said: "We have long warned that this Act contains within it the seeds of Fascism. We have seen reactionary forces in Germany, Italy and Japan destroy unionism under the smokescreen of fighting communism."

In the 1951 trials against the Communists the Government introduced a parade of spies and stool pigeons who would sell out their mother for money out of fear. They lied and said just what was required of them. So now too newspapers report that "friendly witnesses" (meaning rats) and expelled agents are appearing before the Grand Jury to testify against the Panthers.

THE CONSPIRACY TO "GET" THE PANTHERS

It is no accident that just before the secret Grand Jury hearings and the hearing for bail for Huey Newton a provocation took place in San Francisco. The police engineered a "riot" involving the Panther headquarters and was clearly part of the conspiracy to try to smash the Panthers. All of Mayor Alioto's sanctimonious talk about "law and order" will not hide the role of the Tactical Squad as racist tools of the right wing. Nor will it hide the lack of "justice" when police killers of blacks go free while Huey Newton is even denied bail while on appeal.

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO ADVOCATE -FREE HUEY NEWTON

Don't let it happen again. The Panthers or anyone else have a right to advocate -- to put out what they stand for and to organize to accomplish that purpose. Every union member, every right thinking person should demand that the Government stop persecuting the Panthers.

Ask your union or any organization of which you are a member to protest!

We further urge the unequivocal freedom for Huey Newton who is a staunch fighter for his people and whose leadership is needed not only for the black people but in the people's movement.

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CIVILIAN CONTROL OF POLICE

More and more in the United States today, the police force is the institution of government used to oppress and degrade the poor, the dissenter, and particularly the Black Communtiy. The brutality and horrendous treatment of citizens by police is not just the result of some untrained, unfit or brutal officers, but is rather the result of the functions assigned to the police as an institution. We call for a restructuring of the police that would provide services, not sadism, for the community. We call for community control of all police personnel, expenditures and law enforcement priorities. Only in this way can the function of police be changed.

end the activities of the character committees which deny attorneys political freedom

Once lawyers stray from the orthodox political framework of this nation, and participate actively in the quest for change of a grossly unjust society, the full power of the establishment Bar is brought to bear through the vehicle of the Character and Fitness Committees.

We deplore the activities of these policing committees, composed in the main of the most reactionary members of the Bar. Their illegitimate use of the power to deny admission to and to remove from the legal profession those they deem "politically undesirable" violates the rights guaranteed to all citizens by the First Amendment. The supreme Court held it unconstitutional to threaten with disbarment those attorneys who exercise their constitutional rights. In this spirit we call for an end of the Character and Fitness Committees, and an end to the oppression of those attorneys who advocate unpopular causes.

end legal exploitation of the poor

Teachers strike and the poor get arrested. Living costs rise and legislature cuts welfare. Evictions occur in days and repairs never do. Sellers act unconscionably and the poor still pay more. Examples abound of the duality of our system, where power is rewarded and justice is denied to the powerless poor. If rich and poor alike are to respect the law, then it must be changed to grant fairness to the oppressed of our country, however unpopular their views, however empty their pockets.

DONALD DUCK MAX RAFFERTY SPIES ON SCHOOLS

SAN FRANCISCO -- Max Rafferty, California State Superintendent of Schools, has conceived a statewide plan for spying on high school militants with the help of local officials.

Rafferty has asked for names of activists from local superintendents and reports of any contacts with the Black Panthers, Black Student Union, and Students for a Democratic Society.

Rafferty's attempt to "deal with the militant threat" is opposed by the San Francisco American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO. They have called on local superintendent Robert Jenkings not to comply with Rafferty's request.

In other actions, the teachers called for an investigation of the police shootings of black students Alvert Linthcome, and Lannie Ross Linthcome, 19, was an auto theft suspect, and Ross, 18, was wanted in connection with a holdup.



HUEY STILL NOT FREE

Thousands of people around the world rallied on May Day in support of Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense for the Black Panther Party.

Despite the people's demand to free Huey, Judge Alphonso J. Zirpoli sat on the bench in his federal court and bullshitted his way out of making any decision on setting bail for Huey.

After the District Attorney protested about the "unprecedented" nature of this kind of decision by a federal judge, Zirpoli decided not to decide whether or not the state had cause for denying bail.

Huey Newton has been in jail now for more than a year since he allegedly offed an Oakland pig in defense of the black community. A racist jury in Oakland refused to convict Huey on the frame-up charge of murder, but sentenced him to 2-15 years in jail on a manslaughter charge in an act of compromise with the racists who run the court system in America.

In hope of applying some heat on Judge Zirpoli, more than 10,000 people gathered in San Francisco to hear speeches by Panther leaders Kathleen Cleaver, Bobby Seale and David Hilliard and representatives from the rest of the movement in the Bay area, including Tom Hayden, who was introduced as "the founder of SDS."

Speakers from the TWLF, Brown Berets and women's liberation groups also spoke at the rally. A large group of children from the Panthers' "Breakfast for Children" program attended, chanting and singing in support of Huey.

In Chicago, 2,000 people mobbed the area surrounding the Federal Courthouse around banners that read "Free Huey!" Speakers included Panthers Bobby Rush, Choka and Bob Lee. Mike Klonsky, SDS National Secretary, and Eileen Klare from Chicago Circle Campus SDS gave solidarity speeches, as did Cha Cha Jiminez, leader of the Young Lords, Preacher Man from the Young Patriots and Obed Lopez from the Latin American Defense Organization (LADO).

Besides demanding Huey's release, the crowd demanded that all political prisoners in Chicago be released and that the real criminals, the pig ruling class, be jailed. At present, there are dozens of Panthers in jail or facing long sentences following a wave of repression against the black and brown movements in Chicago. Panther Mickey White is still in prison for supposedly conspiring to purchase explosives and guns from a local pig. At Mickey's bail reduction hearing Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz (B'nai Brith Man of the Year) raised his bail from $75,000 to $100,000 in order to keep him off the streets.

As NLN goes to press, reports are coming in of rallies in New York, Detroit, East Lansing, Denver and Los Angeles, as well as in Europe, where students stormed U.S. embassies, demanding that Huey be set free.

FREE HUEY!

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



Free Huey rally in Chicago









NO MORE PIGS IN OUR COMMUNITY
OFF THE PIG

NO MORE BROTHERS IN JAIL
OFF THE PIG

FREE HUEY

MALCOLM

In 1964 China exploded her bomb which was a scientific breakthrough for the oppressed people in China, who suffered for a long time. I for one was very happy to hear that the great people of China were able to display their scientific advancement, advance knowledge of science to the point where a country that is "so backwards" as this country keeps saying and so, you know, behind everybody and so poor could come up with an atomic bomb. Why, I had to marvel at that. It made me realize that poor people can do it as well as rich people.

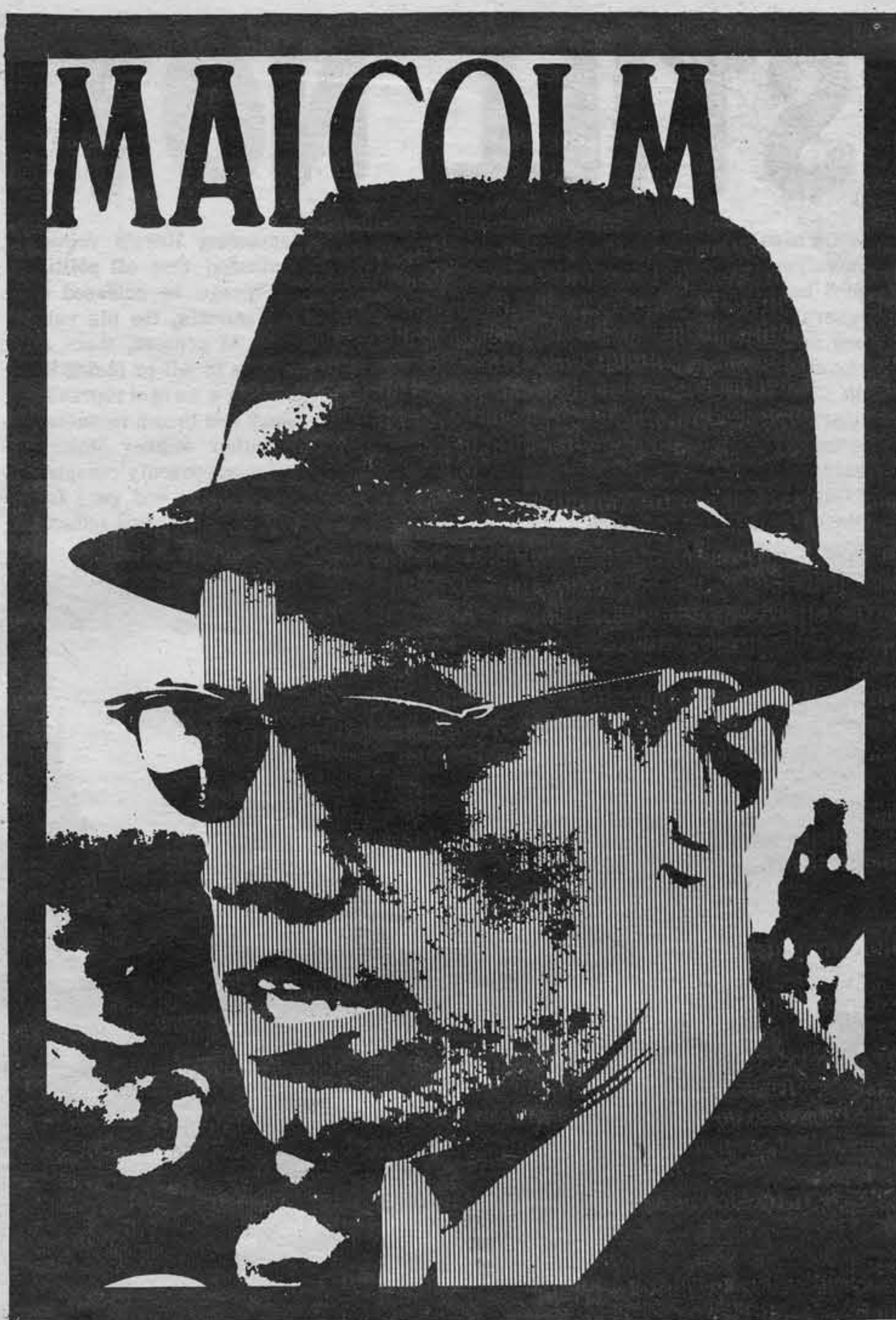
So all of these little advancements were made by oppressed people in other parts of the world during 1964. These were tangible gains. And the reasons that they were able to make these gains was they realized that power was the magic word. Power against power. Power in the defense of freedom is greater than power in behalf of tyranny and oppression. Because power, real power comes from conviction. And this produces action, uncompromising action. It also produces insurrection against oppression. This is the only way you end oppression, with power. Power doesn't back up in the face of a smile or in the face of a prayer, or in the face of some kind of nonviolent action. It's not the nature of power to back up in the face of anything but some more power. And this is what the people have realized in Southeast Asia, in the Congo, in Cuba, in other parts of the world, that power only recognizes power. And all of them who realized this have made gains.

Now here in America it's different when you compare our strides in 1964 with strides that have been made forward by people elsewhere all over the world. Only then can you appreciate the great double-cross experienced by Black people here in America in 1964. The power structure found the new year out the same way they found it out in Washington the other day. Only now they call it (what's that they call it?) "The Great Society". Last year, the year of 1964, was supposed to be the year of promise. They opened up the new year in Washington, D. C., and in City Hall and in Albany talking about the year of promise, promise that Black people would make advancements in education, we'd get better schools, better school facilities, better teachers, that jobs would open up, there would be less Black people in the unemployment line. And in areas in the South that had not formerly been able to vote, you would be able to register and vote. And we would become socially acceptable. But by the end of 1964, we had to agree that instead of the year of promises, instead of those promises materializing, they substituted devices to create the illusion of progress. And 1964 was the year of illusions and delusions. We received nothing but a promise. We received nothing that would actually solve the problems that we were confronted by in January of 1964. In 1963 they had used the trick. One of their devices to let off steam of frustration was the march on Washington. They used that to make us think that we were making progress. Imagine marching to Washington and getting nothing for it whatsoever. But it shows you how shrewd the power structure is, how it is able to manipulate the people through the leaders, as long as the people believe in the leaders. In '63 it was the March on Washington. In '64 what was it? The Civil Rights Bill. Right after they passed the Civil Rights Bill, they murdered a Negro in Georgia and did nothing about it. Murdered two whites and a Negro in Mississippi and did nothing about it. So that the Civil Rights Bill has produced nothing where we're concerned. It was only a valve, a vent, that was designed to enable us to let off our frustrations. But the bill itself was not designed to solve our problems. (applause)

Since we see what they did in 1963 and we saw what they did in 1964, what will they do now in 1965? If the March on Washington was supposed to lessen the explosion and the Civil Rights Bill was designed to lessen the explosion, that's all it was designed to do. It wasn't designed to solve the problems; it was designed to lessen the explosion, because everyone in his right mind knows there should have been an explosion. You can't have all those ingredients those explosive ingredients that exist in Harlem and elsewhere, where our people suffer and not have an explosion. So these are devices to lessen the danger of the explosion, but not designed to remove the material that's going to explode.

What will they give us in 1965? I just read where they plan to make a Black Cabinet member. Yeah, they have a new gimmick every year. (laughter) They gonna take one of their boys, Black boys, and put him in the Cabinet so he can walk around Washington with a cigar, fire on one end and fool on the other. (laughter) And because his immediate personal problem would have been solved, he would be the one to tell us, 'Look how much progress we're making. I'm in Washington, D. C. I can have tea in the White House. I'm your spokesman. I'm your, you know, your leader.' While our people are still living in Harlem, in the slums, still receiving the worst forms of education and the worst facilities in which to try to educate our children, this is the device that they will use. They'll make a Black cabinet member. I read that's one of the gimmick that they got going. But will it work? Can that one whom they are going to put down there step into the fire and put it out, when the flames begin to leap up, when people take to the streets in their explosive mood? Will that one that they're going to put in the cabinet be able to go among the people? Why, they'll burn him faster than they'll burn the ones who sent him. (applause) At the international level 1964, what device did they use? They sent a well chosen Black representative to the African continent whose mission it was to make the people on that continent think that all of our problems had been solved. They went over there as apologists. I saw some of them, trailed some of them, saw the results that some of them had left there. But their prime mission was to go into Africa which is a most vital country to the United States' interests. So these toms (you not supposed to call them toms now a days or they'll sue you), so these uncles went there. (laughter) Don't bother the man, he's doing his job. He don't put you on T. V. (laughter) so you can get investigated. and so these toms don't go to Africa actually because they want to explore or learn something for themselves, broaden their scope or communicate between their people and our people over there. But they go primarily to represent the United States government. And when they go, they gloss things over, they tell how well we're doing here, how the Civil Rights Bill has settled everything and how the Nobel Peace Prize was handed down. Oh yes, that's how they tell it (laughter) Actually they succeed in widening the gap between the Afro-Americans and the Africans. The image that they leave there of the Afro-American is so obnoxious that the African ends up not wanting to identify with us or be related to us. And it is only when the nationalistic minded or Black minded Afro-Americans go abroad to the African continent and establishes direct lines of communications and lets the African brother over there know what is happening over here and know that our people are not so dumb that we are blind to our true conditions that exist in this structure, then the Africans begin to understand us and identify with us and sympathize with our problem to the point where they are willing to make whatever sacrifice necessary to see that their long lost brothers get a better break than we've been getting up to now.

On the national scale in 1964, as I just mentioned, politically the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party had its face slapped in Atlantic City at a convention over which Lyndon B. Johnson was the boss and Hubert Humphrey was the next boss and mayor Wagner had a lot of influence himself. Still, none of that influence was shown in any way whatsoever when the hopes and aspirations of the people, the Black people of Mississippi were at stake. So at the beginning of 1964, we were told that our political rights would be broadened. It was in 1964 that the two white civil rights workers, working with the Black civil rights workers was murdered. The only thing they were doing was trying to help the Black people of Mississippi learn how to register. This is all. This is their crime. They were trying to show our people in Mississippi how to become registered voters. This was their crime, this was the reason for which they were murdered. The awful part about them being murdered was the civil rights organization themselves being so chicken when it comes to reacting in a way that they should have reacted to the murders of these three civil rights workers. (applause) The civil rights group sold those three brothers out, sold them out, sold them right down the river, because they died and what has been done about it. And what voice has been raised every day today in regards to the murder of those three civil rights workers. It has been forgotten. You hear nothing else about it. And that the only time it comes up is when J. Edgar Hoover called one of the Negro leaders a liar and then another argument starts in



REMEMBER BROTHER MALCOLM

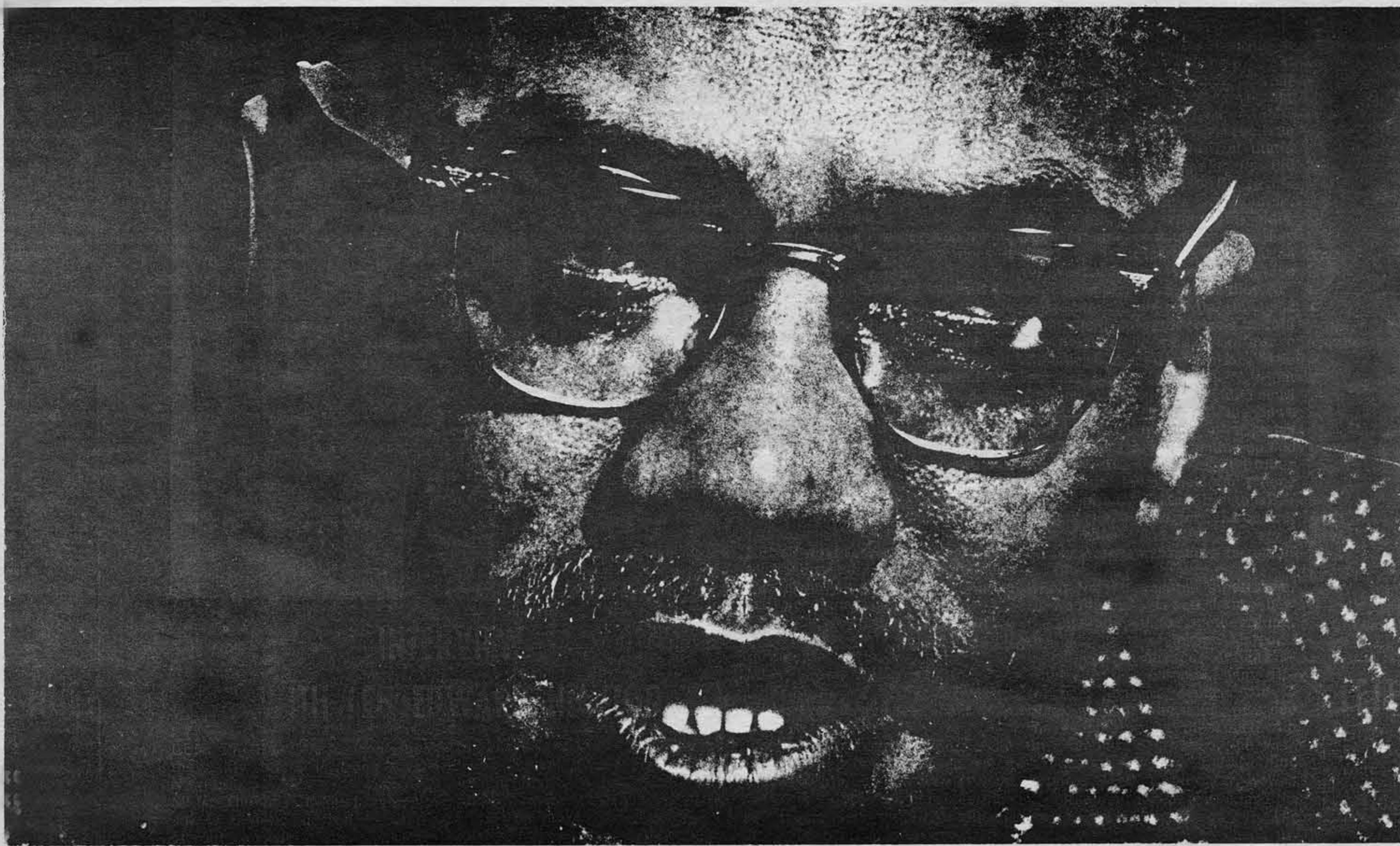
Editorial Statement
by Bigman, Editor

May 19th is the birthday of Malcolm, but his birthday is not why we must remember Malcolm. Why then do we remember Malcolm? Malcolm is best remembered as being the one force that opened the eyes of more than 22 million Black people in America to the political tricks and games played on them by their so-called goverment. It was Malcolm who gave a new definition of politics to Black people.

Malcolm exposed so-called leaders of the Black Liberation struggle for the opportunists and bootlickers they were. It was Malcolm who traveled the African continent spreading the truth and destroying the myths about the plight of Black people in America. It was Malcolm who examined American tradition and told it like it is. It was Malcolm who challenged the manhood of Black Americans by telling them that they had better "stop singing and start swinging!"

It is the wisdom, the strength, and the love of humanity that was Malcolm, that was the motivating force in the founding of the Black Panther Party.

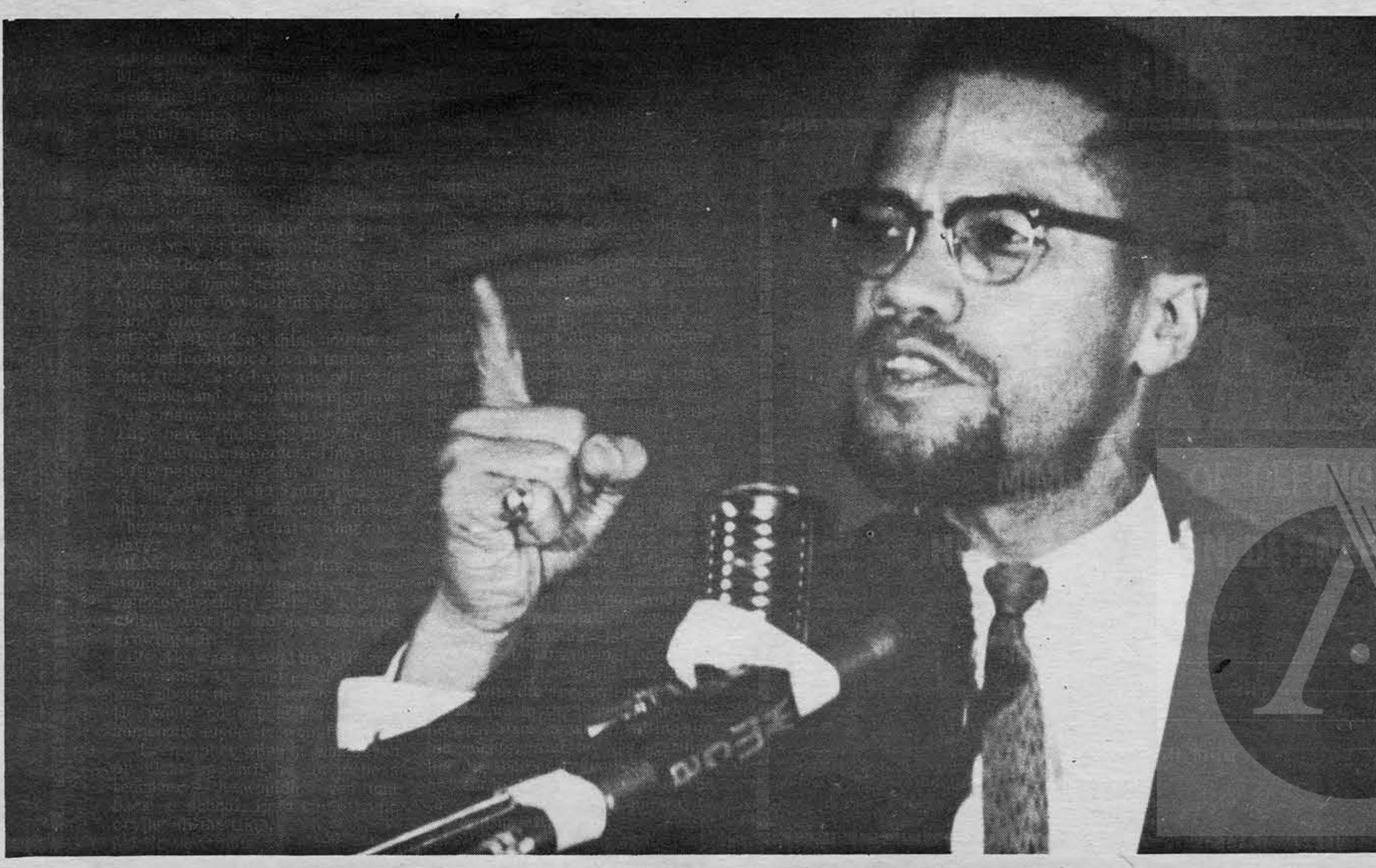
Malcolm is manifested in Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, and Eldridge Cleaver. There was Malcolm in Bobby Hutton, "Bunchy", and John Huggins. The Black Panther Party does not commemorate the death date of a revolutionary, but the birth date of a revolutionary. But be it his birthdate or not, Malcolm is ever present in the thoughts and actions of Black revolutionaries who are putting something into practice.



motion and then they ask, "What about the brothers who got murdered?" But when it comes to murder itself, it's forgotten, gone by, glossed over. And nothing has been done about it. So this is why I say, if we get involved in the civil rights movements and go to Mississippi or any place else to help our people to get registered to vote, we intend to go prepared. (applause) We don't intend to break the law because when you register to vote, you uphold the law. It's the ones who try to prevent you from registering to vote who are breaking the law. And you got a right, you got a right to protect yourself by any means necessary. (applause)

Concerning the Harlem incident that took place during the summer, when the citizens of Harlem were attacked in a "pogrom". How do you say that word? Pogrom? That's what it was. I was reading about it I don't know how to pronounce that word. I can't pronounce it because it's not my word. (laughter) But when the people of Harlem were victims of that pogrom (that's your word) (laughter) during the summer, we had heard long before it took place that it was going to take place. We had gotten the word that there were elements in the power structure that were going to incite a riot, something in Harlem that they could call a riot, in order that they could step in and be justified in using whatever methods necessary to crush the militant groups which were still considered in the embryonic state and in realizing that there was a plan afoot to instigate something in Harlem so that they could step in and crush it, there were elements in Harlem who were prepared and qualified and equipped to retaliate in situations like that who, purposely did not get involved. And the real miracle of 1964, I tell it to you straight, was the restraint exercised by the people of Harlem who are qualified and equipped and whatever else there is to protect themselves when they are being illegally and immorally and unjustly attacked. And an illegal attack, and unjust attack, and an immoral attack can be made against you by anyone. Just because a person has on a uniform does not give him the right to come and shoot up your neighborhood. No, this is not right. And my suggestion would be that as long as the Police Department doesn't use those methods in white neighborhoods, they shouldn't come to Harlem and use it in our neighborhood. I wasn't here. I'm glad I wasn't here, 'cause I'd be dead. They'd have to kill me. I'd rather be dead then to let someone walk around my house or in my neighborhood shooting it up where my children are in the line of fire, either they die or I die. And it all started when a little boy was shot by a policeman. And he was turned loose, the same as the sheriffs were turned loose in Mississippi when they killed three civil rights workers. (I'm almost ending. I'm just taking my time tonight because I'm overworked. And I'm taking my time. I'm taking my time, not hurrying up, I mean.)

I hope that you don't misunderstand me when I say that. (And I'm not advocating anything illegal against the police) I know good police, and I know bad police. I know policemen that bend over backwards to be human and to protect other humans and to treat people as if they are human beings. Then I know others who shouldn't be on the force. They're not qualified morally, even mentally, some of them not even psychologically to be on the force. Well those kind I don't go for. But those who can pass the test, they're allright. We don't include them with the rest. While millions of our people are starving in this country, this government is spending billions of dollars abroad to feed other people. They're sending wheat over to Russia and Poland, some of those other places, and dumping a lot of it in the ocean to keep the market down. This is something that doesn't add up. How you gonna have peace in 1965 and you're hungry, no job, welfare workers won't even work, and you read where they're dumping wheat in the ocean while you go on the rampage. You think they're out of their minds. In 1964 we have still with us the slumlord, people who own the houses but don't live there themselves. Usually they live up around the Grand Concourse or somewhere. They contribute to the NAACP and CORE and all the civil rights organizations. Give you money to go out and picket and they own the house that you're picketing. And this bad housing conditions that continue to exist up there, they keep our people the victims of health problems, high infant and adult mortality rate and higher in Harlem than in any other part of the country or part of the city. They promised us jobs and gave us welfare checks instead. We're still jobless, we're still unemployed. The welfare is taking care of us, making us beggers, robbing us of our dignity, of our manhood. So that I point out that in 1964, it was not a pie-in-the-sky year of promises as was promised in January of that year. Blood did flow in the streets of Harlem, Philadelphia, Rochester, some places over here in Jersey, and elsewhere. In 1965 even more blood will flow, more than you ever dreamed. It'll flow downtown as well as uptown. Why? Why will it flow. have the causes that made it flow in '64 been removed? Have the causes that made it flow in '63 been removed? The causes are still there. How can you sit around and naively, in such a naive way and make yourself think that things are getting better when the causes that created the bad conditions still remain? The only one whose problem is solved is the leaders. They get the Peace Prize while the people have no peace, or as he, himself says, while he's up on the mountain, the people are in the valley.





Standing in front of house built by Malcolm's father are his brothers Wesley, and sisters Yvonne and Reginald.



Negroes should arm themselves for self-defense

As a man, Malcolm X had the physical bearing and the inner self-confidence of a born aristocrat. And he was potentially dangerous. No man in our time aroused fear and hatred in the white man as did Malcolm, because in him the white man sensed an implacable foe who could not be had for any price - a man unreservedly committed to the cause of liberating the black man in American society rather than integrating the black man into society.

Malcolm states: "This country (America) and this society has mastered the art of very deceitfully painting people whom they don't like in a image that they know you won't like. So you end up hating your friends and loving your enemies.



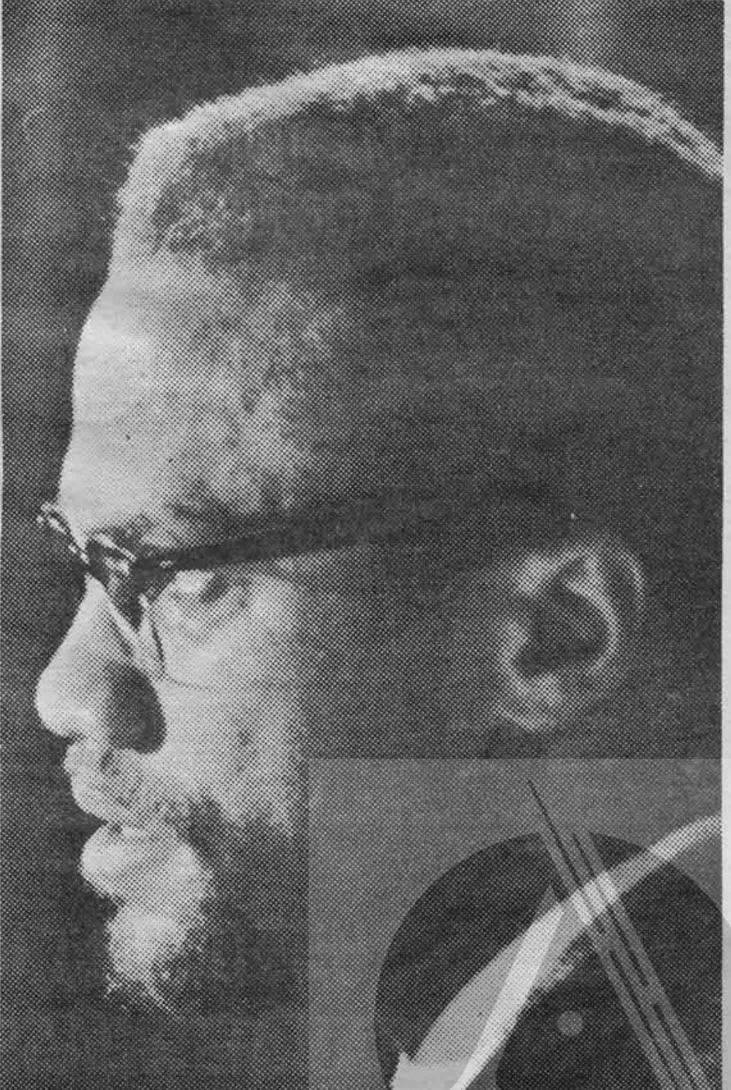
Malcolm and his sister Ella



Malcom's brothers Phil, Wes, and Reginald



"Everyday, I would gamble all of my tips on the numbers, and dream of what I would do when I hit."



Why Black Nationalism? How can there be white-black solidarity before there is first some Black solidarity.



Malcolm and his family with Muhammad Ali



They were killed by the same racist society



Malcolm shakes hands with actors
Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee



With Rev. M. Galamison and Adam C. Powell

You cant operate a capitalistic system unless you are vulturistic, you have to have someone else's blood to suck to be a capitalist. You show me a capitalist, I'll show you a bloodsucker. He cannot be anything but a bloodsucker if he's going to be a capitalist.
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Malcolm talks with Long Island U. Students





Just returned home from trip abroad



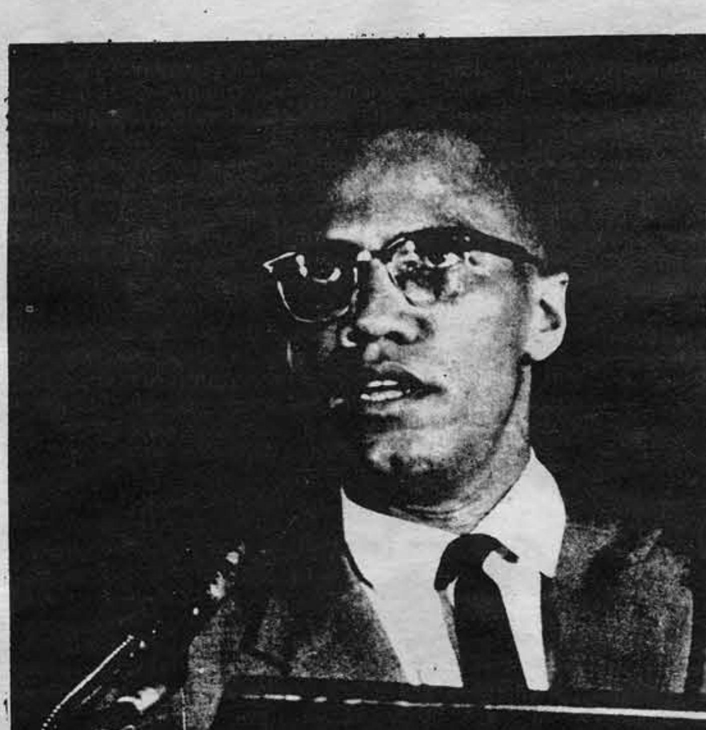
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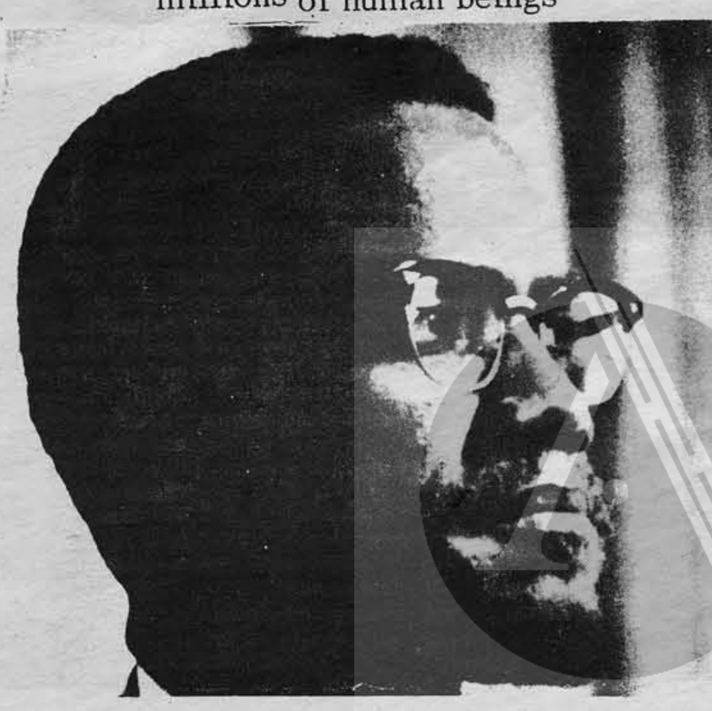
MALCOLM WITH PRINCE FAISAL DURING HIS TRIP TO MECCA



On his tour through Africa he met Mrs W.E.B. DuBois

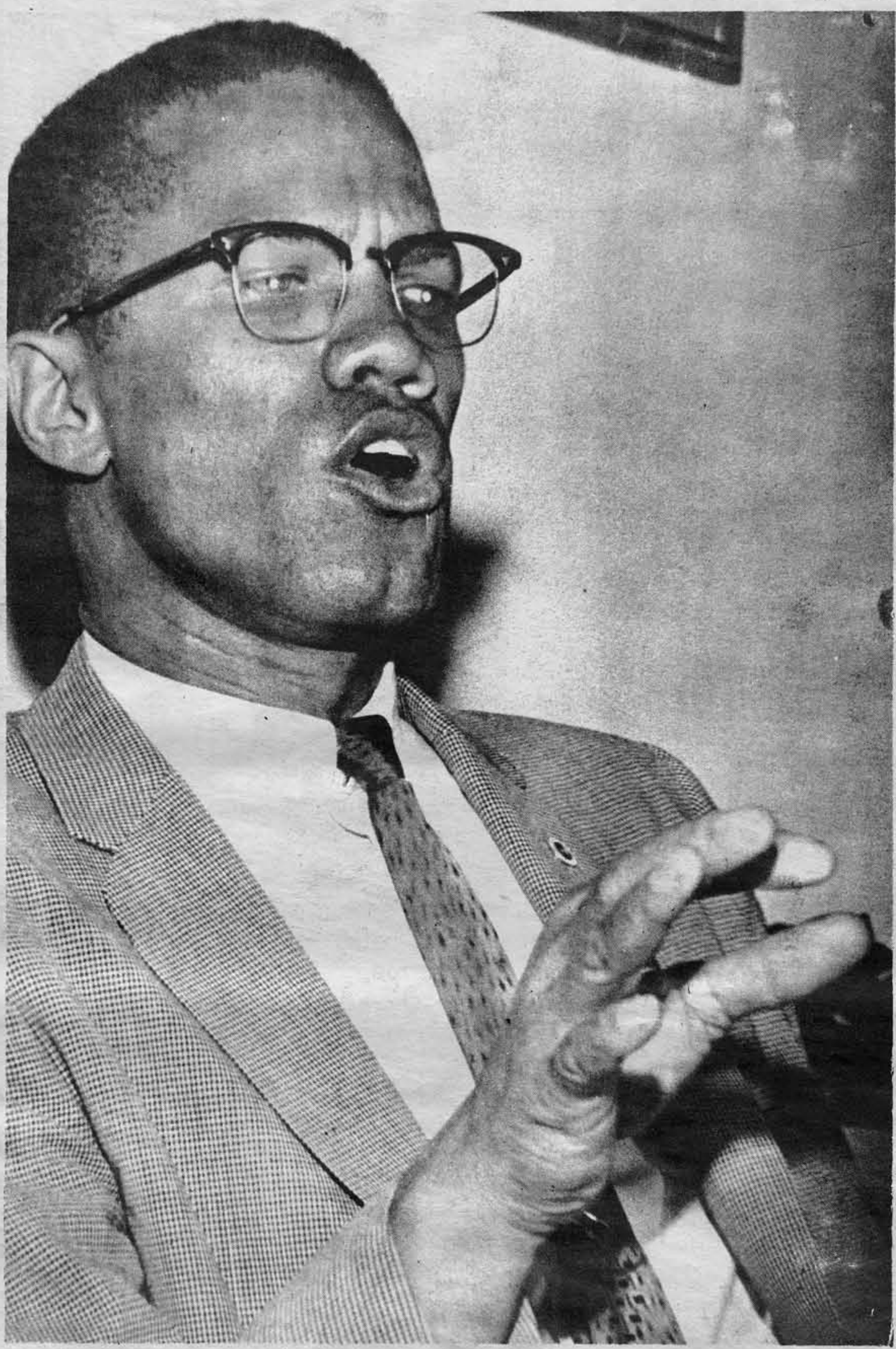


How can white America atone for enslaving millions of human beings



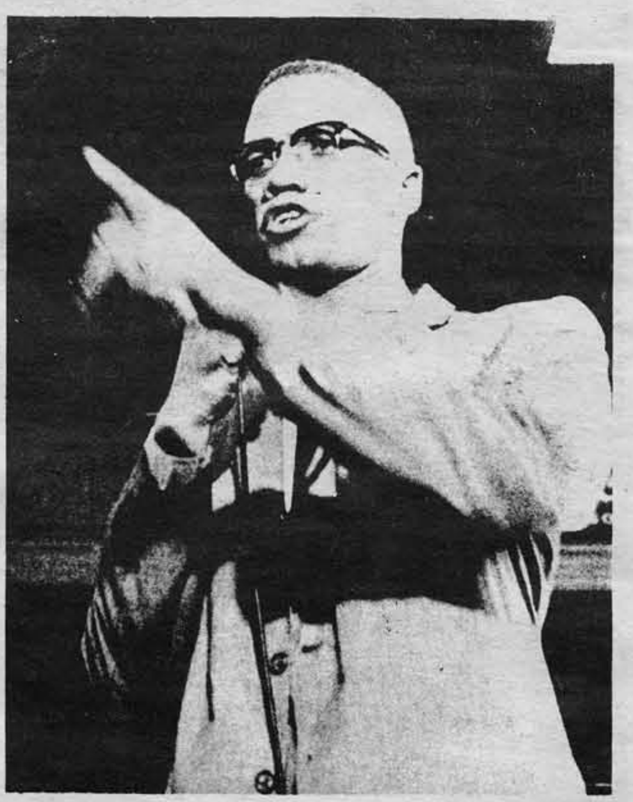
There has never been a non-violent revolution

HE ROSE FROM HOODLUM, THIEF, DOPE PEDELER, PIMP TO BECOME THE MOST DYNAMIC LEADER OF THE BLACK REVOLUTION



POWER IS THE MAGIC WORD POWER AGAINST POWER

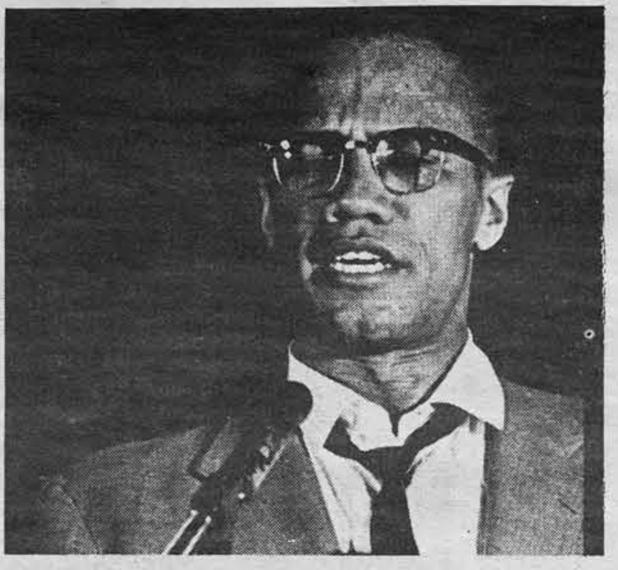
"I remember the police were always dropping by our house, just checking, for a gun"



YOU'VE GOT TO CONTROL YOUR OWN



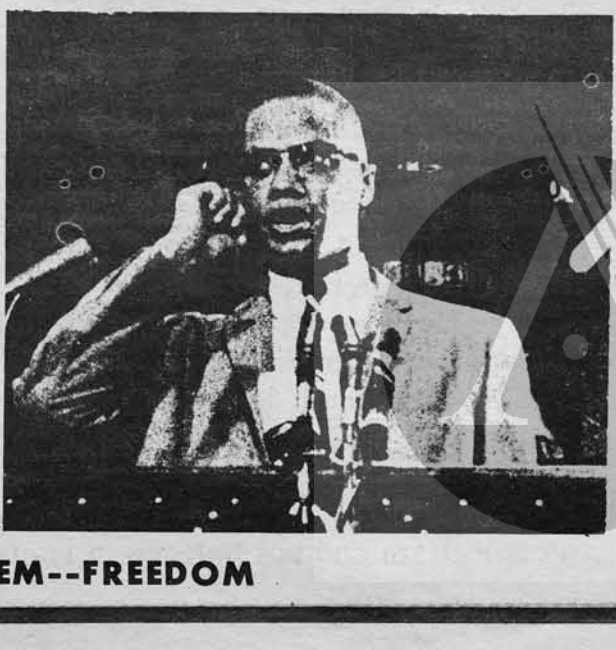
America got rich because you made it rich.



Lets learn his language. If his language is a shotgun, get a shotgun.







ALL OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM--FREEDOM



Racists attempted to murder Malcolm and his family by bombing his home



Malcom's widow Mrs. Betty Shabazz stands at the head of his grave as coffin is lowered.



Immediately after the shooting at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem



Malcolm X being carried to the hospital by his co-murderers



Ossie Davis speaks at Malcolm's funeral



Malcolm's widow leaving coroner's office with his sister Mrs. Ella Collins.

QUOTATIONS FROM MALCOLM

Revolution is bloody, revolution is hostile, revolution knows no compromise, revolution overturns and destroys everything that gets in its way.

It is criminal to teach a man not to defend himself when he is the constant victim of brutal attack.

We have a common oppressor, a common exploiter, and a common discriminator. Once we all realize that we have a common enemy, we can unite.

We are anti-exploitation, anti-degradation, anti-oppression if the white man doesn't want us to be anti-him then let him stop oppressing, degrading and exploiting us.

It is impossible for a white person to believe in capitalism and not believe in racism.

America's conscience is bankrupt. She lost all conscience long time ago.

Whenever they speak of a population explosion they are referring to the people in Asia or in Africa - the black, brown, red and yellow people.

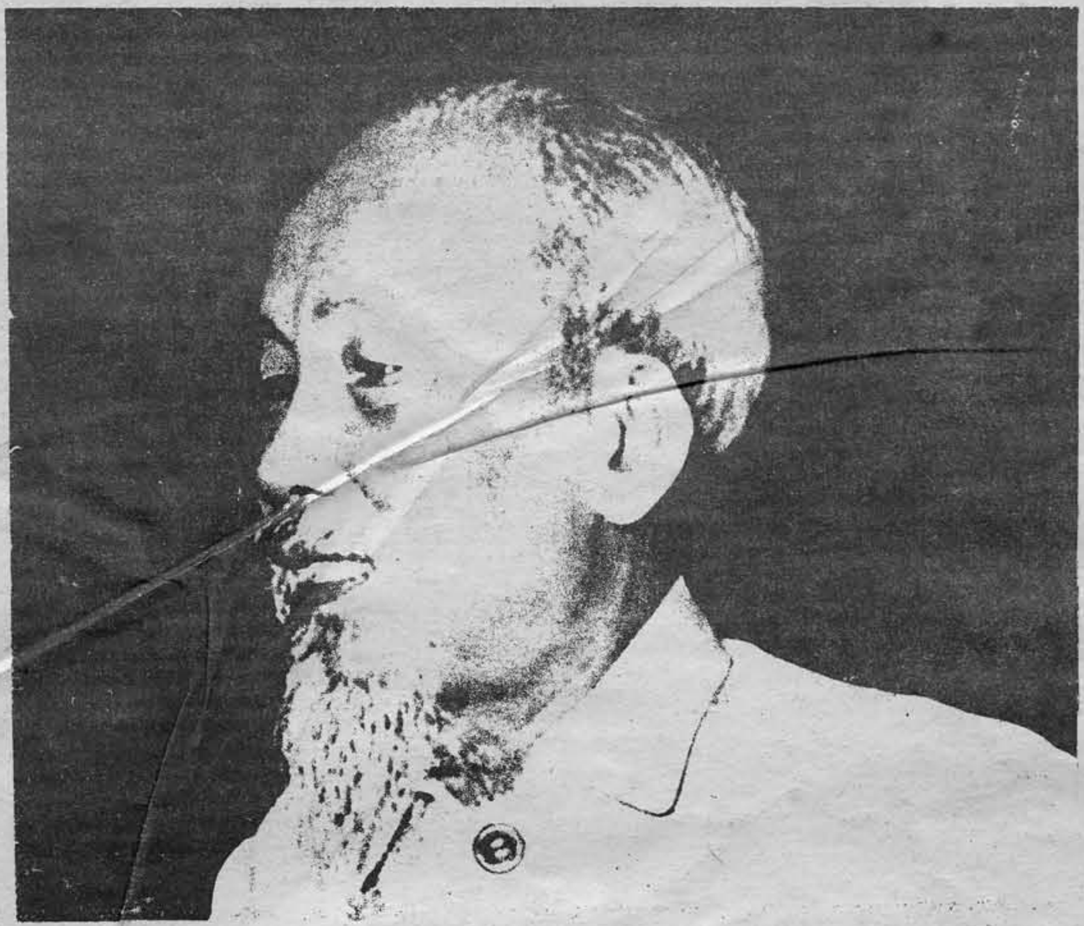
This country smashes anything that gets in its way. It crushes anything that gets in its way. And since we're Americans, they tell us, well, we'll do it the American way. We'll smash anything that gets in our way.

You can't operate a capitalistic system unless you are vulturistic you have to have someone else's blood to suck to be a capitalist.

Anytime Uncle Sam, with all his machinery for warfare, is held to a draw by some rice-eaters, he's lost the battle.

LONG LIVE HO CHI MINH





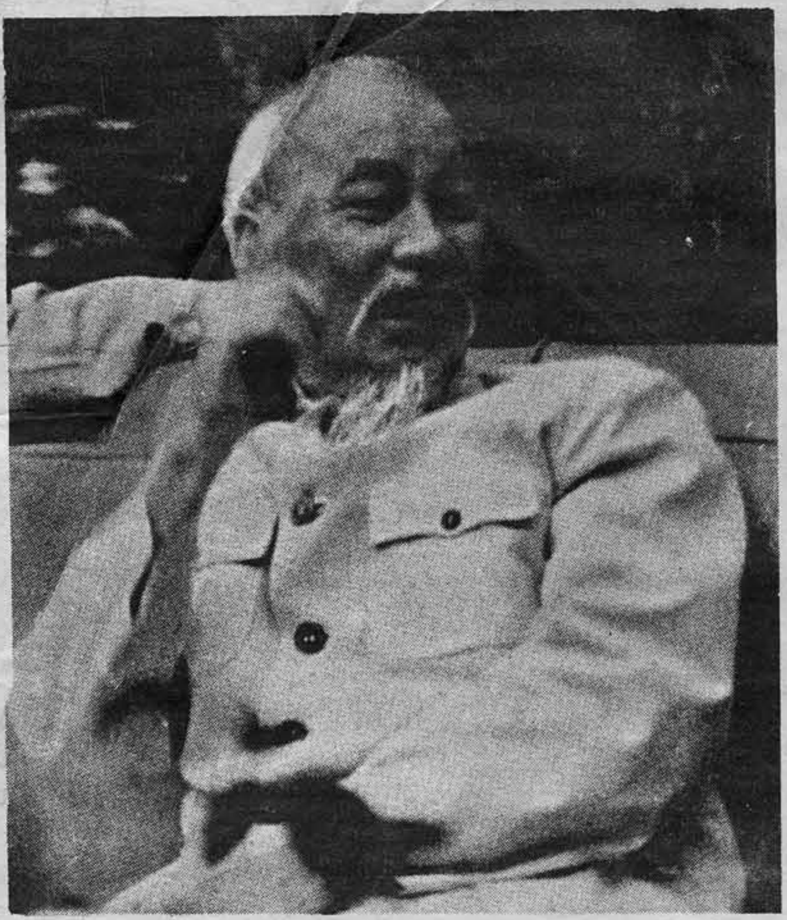
Born May 19, 1890, Ho Chi Minh is the undisputed leader of the people of Viet Nam. At the age of 79 he is looked upon as one of the greatest Marxist-Leninists of all times. Ho Chi Minh's grat leadership is manifested in the gallant, and heroic people of Viet Nam who are waging such an unyielding fight against the American imperialists. Not only have they resisted U.S. Colonization, they refused to yield to the imperial forces of the Japanese or the French. There struggles have spanned some 20 years.

In the past ten years the south Vietnamese have overcome hardships, made every sacrifice and struggled valiantly against US aggressors. Starting with their bare hands, they have seized guns from the enemy to fight against the enemy. They are recording victory after victory and are launching a continual attack, inflicting upon the U.S. aggressors and their puppets ever greater defeats and causing them to be bogged down more and more deeply.

The Black Panther Party and the revolutionary peoples of racist America wish Ho Chi Minh a very happy birthday and many returns of the day. Having faced the same enemy for four hundred years, we the Black Panther Party want him to know that we stand in complete solidarity with the revolutionary people of Vietnam. We will fight imperialism with proleterian internationalism.

All Power belongs to All the People.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH

BORN MAY 19, 1890

Certainly the U.S. aggressors will meet with complete failure. Our armed forces and people throughout the country wil surely win complete victory.

"I BELIEVE IN ANYTHING THAT IS NECESSARY TO CORR
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ANYTHING THAT'S NECESSARY. I BELIEVE IN IT AS LON
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TO GET RESULTS."

Malcolm
January 7, 1965




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YOUNG LORD MURDERED BY OFF DUTY PIG

On May 4, 1969 an off-duty pig who works twenty-four hours a day murdering oppressed people, took the life of one revolutionary brother (Manuel Ramos) and left another lying there seriously wounded. Both of these brothers were shot in the head. Both Brothers were members of the Central Staff of the revolutionary party. These brothers and the Young Lord organization have continued to "practice" revolutionary ideology. They pattern themselves after the Black Panther Party, they identify with the class struggle and that makes us class brothers.

When the news was out about this premeditated murder, the community was up in arms but it was Cha Cha (Chairman) and the Lords that said let's educate, let's organize and let's arm ourselves. Let's inform the community of the pigs' attempt to wipe out the Young Lords.

The Young Lords will be opening a free Breakfast program to meet the needs of the people.

Power to the People
Panther Power to Black Panther Party
Young Lord Power to the Young Lords

PERSECUTION OF THE YOUNG LORDS

In this country where illegality is systematic and injustice deliberate, not only Black people but Brown people as well, suffer the brunt of repression. The American eagle, with its predatory instincts, vamps and Miss Liberty, with her deliberate ruthlessnes, tramples on those people they find it profitable to attack and crush. America compresses its oppressed between an atmosphere of vileness and a ground of hostile instability and dares them to challenge the mediums. The Young Lords Organization, a Latin-American revolutionary group who are working in Chicago, have dared to dispel the mediums; they are demanding an end to the injustices heaved upon Latin-American people.

Latin-American people in this country face some of the same problems that we, Black people face, i. e., inadequate food, indecent housing, irrelevant education, police brutality, and unemployment. And what are the Young Lords doing? They are working for adequate food, decent housing, relevant education, police brutality cessation, and employment for their people. The power structure would have these problems continue, as people who have little power to solve these problems are easy to exploit. The Young Lords, however, cannot be placed into this category because they are showing their people the strategic method to resist the oppressive forces of the power structure. This has made them the "enemy" to the power structure and the "friend" to all who desire an end to imperialism. The power structure's perception of them has resulted in them being harassed, arrested, beaten, and shot by the pigs who "protect and serve" (yes, protect capitalistic enterprises and serve us with arrest warrants, search warrants, subponeas, summons, and the like).

On Sunday, April 4, one of the Young Lords, Manuel Ramos, Minister of Defense was killed and Ralph Rivera, Minister of Education was critically wounded. Yes, these two were dedicating their lives to the revolutionary struggle. They were shot by pigs who made it their goal to deal with them as all protesting poor and exploited people are dealt with: elimination.

These brothers who sought to overtake those who have unjustly taken over, whose love was liberation and hate was oppression, whose bodies lie stiff and contorted, whose blood overflows the State of Illinois and surges into those adjacent states, whose words (Todo eo poder a la gante - All power to the people) can be heard reverberating in response to the scream of the oppressed - these brothers we hold sacred; these brothers we hold dearest; these brothers we hold highest.

Presently facing many trumped up charges (such as mob action, disorderly conduct, inciting to riot, and everything else that is false) Chairman of the Young Lords, Cha Cha Jimenez is picked up at least once a week by the pigs. Many other Young Lords as well have been arrested on similar conspired charges. The news media and the pigs would have us believe that the Young Lords are a menacing gang, but we know otherwise. Their continuous community efforts have proven this. But the massive intimidations and negative propaganda have not made the Young Lords cease their struggle for the liberation of their people - quite to the contrary. More determined than ever, they are now intensifying their efforts to see that the needs of their people are met.

We ask the people to witness the Young Lords as they attempt to improve their community and place its control in the hands of the Latin-American people, to witness the pig persecution of those who believe that power should be vested in the people and not in minority enterprises. We call on the people to judge whether the struggle for justice now being waged by the Young Lords is invalid; whether the murder of one and the intended murder of the other is right. We call on the people to judge whether the Young Lords deserve such persecution.

Regarding you, the Young Lords as our true revolutionary brothers as our comrades, and as our allies the Black Panther Party is working jointly with you to see that aggression is thwarted and suppression is ended.

Illinois Chapter Reporter
Carletta Fields

S.F. PIGS ATTEMPT TO ARREST ENTIRE BROWN COMMUNITY

Was that pig Broderik shot by the many thousands of Brown people who live in San Francisco's Mission District? Or for that matter, was he shot by all six of those Brown brothers that were busted for the action? Looking at the situation objectively one cannot even come to a qualified conclusion that one of those brothers offed that pig. Nevertheless, pig Alioto's Gestapos have broken and entered more than 150 homes, without warrants. The pigs have been spotted pointing guns at the heads of young girls in the Brown community. The home of one of the young brothers that was arrested for shooting that fascist pig was busted into. The brother's little sister told them that no one was home at which point the pigs began shooting. They wrecked the house and shot the sister in the hip.

The Black Panther Party would like for the people of the Brown community to read and implement Executive Mandate #3 which states: Because of the St. Valentine's Day massacre of February 14, 1929, in which outlaws donned the uniforms of policemen, posed as such, and thereby gained entrance to locked doors controlled by rival outlaws with whom they were contending for control of the bootlegging industry in Chicago and because these gangsters, gaining entry through their disguise as policemen proceded to exterminate their rivals with machinegun fire, we believe that prudence would dictate that one should be alert when opening one's door to strangers late at night in the wee hours of the morning, even when these strangers wear the uniforms of police. History teaches us that the man in the uniform may or may not be a policeman authorized to enter the homes of the people.

AND

Taking notice of the fact that (1) on January 16, 1968, at 3:30 am, members of the San Francisco Police Department kicked down the door and made an illegal entry, and search of the home of Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information. Those pigs had no search warrant, no arrest warrant, and were therefore not authorized to enter. They were not invited in. Permission for them to enter was explicitly denied by the Minister of Information. Present were sister Kathleen Cleaver, our Communications Secretary and wife to our Minister of Information, and brother Emory Douglas, our Revolutionary Artist.

Taking further notice that (2) on February 25, 1968, several uniformed gestapos of the Berkeley pig department, accompanied by several other white men in plainclothes, bearing an assortment of shotguns, rifles, and service revolvers, made a forceful, unlawful entry and search of the home of Bobby Seale, Chairman of our Party and his wife Artie Seale. These pigs had no warrant either to search or to arrest. When asked by Chairman Bobby to produce a warrant, they arrogantly stated that they did not need one. They had no authority to enter...what they did have was the power of the gun. Thus we are confronted with a critical situation. Our organization has received serious threats from certain racist elements of white America, including the Oakland, Berkeley, and San Francisco Pig Departments. Threats to take our lives, to exterminate us. We cannot determine when any of these elements, or a combination of them may move to implement these threats. We must be alert to the danger at all times. We will not fall victim to a St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Therefore, those who approach our doors in the manner of outlaws, who seek to enter our homes illegally, unlawfully and in a rowdy fashion, those who kick our doors down with no authority and seek to ramsack our homes in violation of our HUMAN RIGHTS, will henceforth be treated as outlaws, as gangsters, as evildoers. We have no way of determining that a man in a uniform involved in a forced outlaw entry into our home is in fact a Guardian of the Law. He is acting like a law breaker and we must make an appropriate response.

We draw the line at the threshold of our doors. It is therefore mandated as a general order to all members of the Black Panther Party that all members must acquire the technical equipment to defend their homes and their dependents and shall do so.

Mandate by Huey P. Newton
Minister of Defense
Black Panther Party

Dynamite



PIG SHOOTS INDIANAPOLIS PANTHER

The ever present harassment of Black Panther members and black people throughout the black community is an ever-present issue of racist and never-ending murder and brutality at the hand of the racist pig department and the kangaroo courts on a local as well as a national level.

On December 29th, 1968 Abram Sharrief, our circulation manager, and another Brother were advertising a rally we were having. The Brothers were speaking to the people over a loud speaker and distributing literature, when they were stopped by racist patrolman Steven Schatke and charged with being disorderly persons. A frame-up charge of violation of the 1935 firearms act was tacked on for good measure. On January 5th the same racist son of a snake shot a black Brother and charged him with stealing an automobile and violation of the 1935 Beverage Act. Both of these charges were dropped. The slime of the land was exonerated of the charge of shooting the Brother as was to be expected. After careful investigation by the Ind. Chapter it was discovered that this pig had shot another black Brother the previous year. Feb. 14, 5 Panthers were expelled from school and charged with passing inflammatory literature.

Feb. 17, Panthers Bruce Council, Dan Ginns and Richard McReynolds were charged with disorderly persons and trespassing on school property when they were passing out Panther information.

In March 1969 a Black Brother was arrested downtown for driving too slow.

Jerry Cunningham a Black member of the Safety Board was fired for speaking out against racial injustice.

Free "Huey P. Newton"
By Any Means Necessary
Donald Campbell
Deputy Minister of Information, Indiana Chapter

DES MOINES PANTHER BOMBING

The recent bombing of the Des Moines Headquarters of the Black Panther Party has been blamed by the police on dissident elements within the Party. Panthers, on the other hand, feel the police may have known more about the incident before it took place than they are admitting. "Fifteen seconds after the explosion, a pig was sitting on the front porch," one of them explained. "It usually takes them about an hour to get here."

The bomb, revealed by a Panther investigation (police have made no move to find out about the facts) to be CDT, a plastic explosive supposedly available only to military, police, and other guardians of Liberty, completely destroyed half of the house at 1207 11th Street which the Panthers had been using as their headquarters. The bathroom, kitchen, distribution and conference rooms were totally obliterated. Only four rooms are still in tact, and they are far from sturdy. If anyone had been in the back part of the house during the explosion, he would have been killed. Fortunately, the six people in the house were all at the front.

Damage also occurred to 48 other houses in a three-block area as a result of the explosion, but police were too busy roping off the area around the Panther headquarters, "investigating" the inside of the house, and confiscating literature, to be concerned with trying to find out if anyone in the neighborhood had been injured.

The only thing police seem to have been able to uncover in the course of their investigation was that the incident actually did occur.

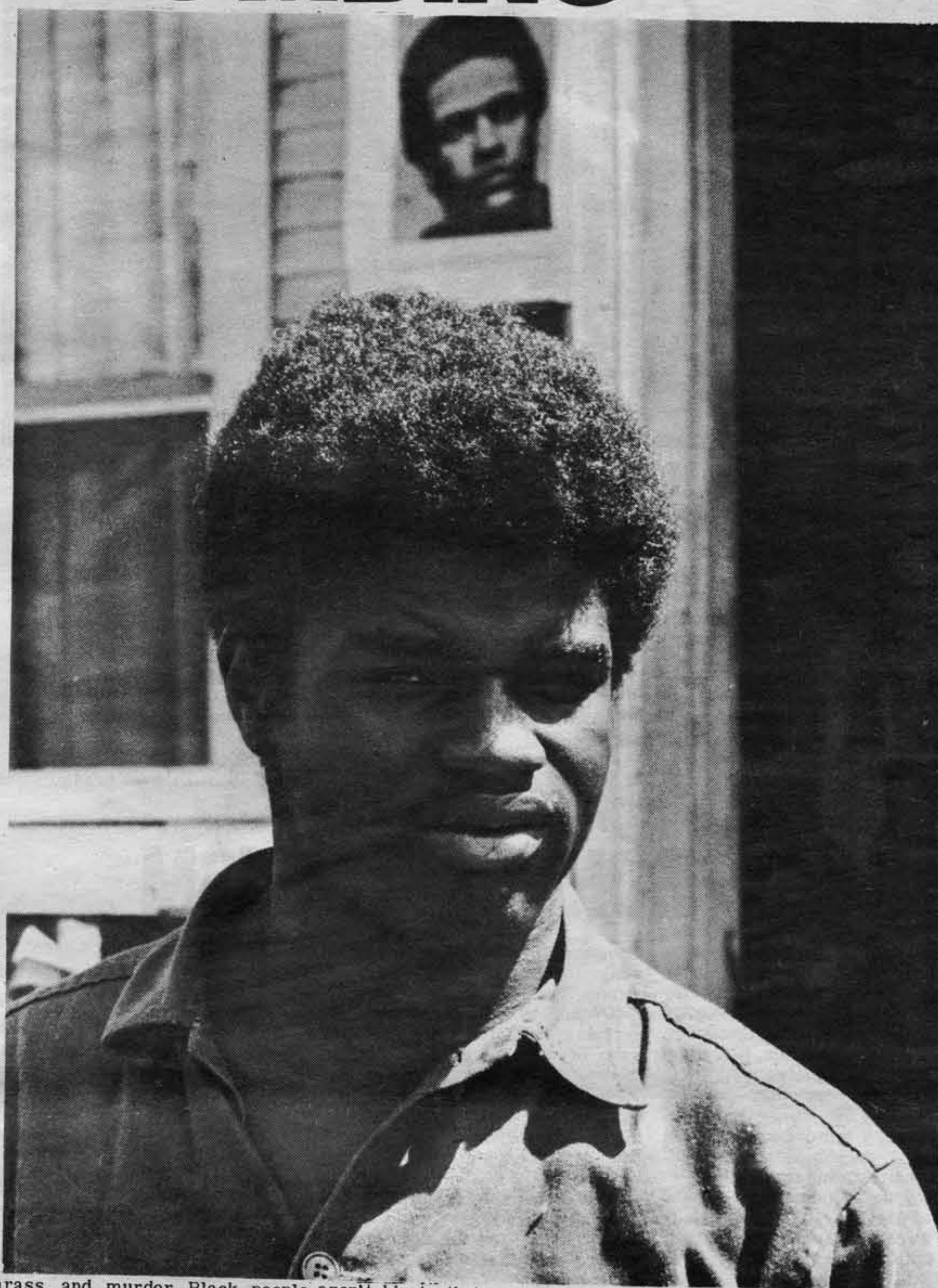
Deputy Minister of Defense, Charles Smith explained that it shouldn't have been hard for police to discern that something was going on in the house on 11th Street. An empty lot in back of the house provides an excellent view from the fire station on the corner of 10th Street, where pigs on night duty often congregate. The explosion occurred at ten minutes to midnight on Saturday, April 22, at the same time a group of pigs were inside the fire station. The pigs did not seem sensitive to any movements in the rear area of the house before the explosion--yet the bomb-setters could only have gained access to the area by way of 10th Street.

Because the bombing occurred in the middle of the night during a storm which partially covered the noise of the explosion, Smith felt that the action was probably related to the bombing of Soul Village, a Black recreation center which was destroyed under the same conditions. The bombing followed telephone threats that individual Panthers would be shot or napalmed, and one call by a man who claimed he was a demolitions expert.

Asked about dissent within the Party, which had been alluded to by the police as a possible motive for the action, Smith commented, "There's no dissent in the Party. That's a racist dog lie to try and cover up some hog actions." The general feeling is that either the pigs did the shit or are trying to cover it up because they can't or don't want to do anything about it.

There is no back wall to the four rooms which remain standing, no kitchen and bathroom facilities, and what remains of the house is now under constant pig surveillance. But Smith explained that the Panthers plan to stay at the present site. "When conditions become uncomfortable, that doesn't stop our political work---we still have our mimeograph machine, our telephone, and our typewriters. The breakfast program is in full swing."

Donations for the breakfast program, which provides a free meal for school children every morning, come in from Panthers and sympathizers as well as local stores. Two programs are running now, one at the Forest Avenue Baptist Church which is in full time operation, and one at Our Lady of Guadalupe on the south side of Des Moines, which runs three mornings a week, and will go into full swing as more children begin coming. From 75 to 100 children get fed every morning at the Forest Avenue project. Sisters from the community do the cooking; brothers set up the tables and serve the children. When school ends for the summer, the program will be altered to meet summer needs.



Asked about static within the Black community, Smith responded that it was slight, and comes mostly from individuals who don't understand what the Panthers are about. "A lot of negative reaction is due to personality clashes, people who don't understand our ways. They think we should 'respect police officers' and be 'more conservative'. They can't relate to the profanity in the parks. The pigs and the power structure harass and murder Black people every day. We haven't got time to check out which ones are doing it. The pigs are a tentacle of the power structure. Lots of people aren't hip to that--we're trying to educate them--that's what we're all about."

For some, education comes through projects like the breakfast program; for others, though, its the product of more direct experience. Standing in the rubble-choked backyard of the headquarters, Clive DePatten explained that during a recent rally for the Des Moines 14, he happened to be walking down a nearby sidestreet when he saw two pigs beating a girl up. He tried to help her and was severly beaten himself, taken to the station, and finally, after half an hour, was driven to the hospital where he received treatment for lacerations of the head. It was DePatten's second confrontation with the pigs and it swung him to the Panthers. "When it happens to you", he explained, "you begin to realize some things... when your head gets beaten. It doesn't seem possible the pigs could really do this. They help educate the Black community by their piggish actions."

Exactly how big is the Black Panther Party? Charles Smith gets impatient with the question. "Since all Blacks are involved in exploitation, oppression, murder, and brutality by the power structure, age is immaterial. Lots of people get hung up on membership. Don't ask me that--anyone who adheres to the Ten Point Program is a Black Panther. If you're white and you can adhere to it, that makes you a White Panther. If you ask me local membership 14,000. National three million.



DES MOINES PANTHER, CLIVE DePATTEN IN RUBBLES OF BOMBED PANTHER HEADQUARTERS

PANTHER POWER



REVOLUTION AND LABOR

The sword of oppression reaches out with its sharp blade of deceit and racist attitudes in all directions.

The Brothers in the Field of Labor, the backbone of the nation's economy, stand tall and speak loud and clear in declaring a Revolutionary change in the Bullshit they have to contend with'

The Indiana chapter tintroduces the Revolutionary Black caucus of Indianapolis.

The ruling of labor has been a constant enemy of black progress and the black brain, but this era of the black demands and will receive this just due.

Pictured are the representatives of the Indianapolis Black caucus. Left to right.....,

Nathan Wimberly, co-Chairman
Marvin McCurty, Chairman
Lewis Jones
Edward Winters and Denis Webster

Ministry of Information
Indianapolis Indiana Chapter
Black Panther Party

All Power to the People

UP FROM CAPITALISM

Capitalism is, by human experience, the most backward and inhuman mode of civilization on historical record. It is, by definition, a system of profiteers. Capitalism, by its very definition, is a Foster of the classed society.

Competition, in this country, was initially the dominant productive force. It was understood, however, by the 'founding fathers', that competition for capital, in relation to a social system, was detrimental unless all social factors were equally powerful. Today, this is the primary evil.

The masses ar poor, and consequently, powerless. Without the Panther Party and its peoples' army, the masses have nothing. Their grievances of hunger, deprivation, and dispossession are virtually unredressed. The capitalists, amid enormous articulation of these social evils, are unaffected.

The American system, essentially, breeds a citizenry of dehumanized commodities, evaluated and affected only by material assets. Money is the dominant force. Countless human lives are fully committed to the acquisition of wealth. The American lives, works and produces not as an avenue of social contribution, nor for the sake of self-expression, but for money. If, in fact, a system is judged by the men it produces, then, history will inevitably bear out the shame that is white America.

Though capitalism condones all profitable suppression and exploitation, it is best repudiated because of its class initiation. The functions of capitalist machinery are dependent upon the working class; the lower class; the class that is oppressed resulting from perpetuated exploitation, which, constitutes the vast majority of the citizenry. They have not yet begun to feel themselves part of humanity. Due to prejudices of white America, which, like all else is product of the status quo, and perpetuates the feeling of dispossession, class is dominated by color. Destruction of class in society is the only workable solution (save miscegenation in relation to lines of color) and the ultimate aim of the revolutionary forces.

The American system, at best, is nothing if not protector of overwhelming private enterprise. It is lost if it can not find avenues, perhaps through these enterprises, to practice imperialistic aggression. And, because of these heaped-on social evils, it is clearly the duty of the Party and the peoples' army to initiate untiring efforts toward the complete upheaval of the racist American society; to replace class with solidarity, suppression with liberation, and subsistence with flowering, productive life.

-- Larry Jones

*UP FROM CAPITALISM (the title) can be attributed to UP FROM LIBERALISM (book title) (Buckley) which, is attributed to UP FROM SLAVERY (Washington). Washington's book elaborated on the 'goodies' that Black freedmen could acquire in post-Civil War America. Buckley, contrarily, told of the boundless evils of liberalism. My work is in Buckley's critical vein.

REVOLUTION IN LABOR

The Kansas City Chapter of the Black Panther Party is forming a coalition with groups of oppressed proletariats in this racist, capitalistic part of the nation. Here is just some of the shit we are going through and have been dealing with here.

Larry Johnson, a brother, was terminated at Gustin-Bacon Corp. on allegations that he threatened a foreman in February. Brother Larry said that these two swines, Albert Surrett and Dizzy Wittmeyer came up to him in the plant and told him we don't want you sitting around on your black ass, or we will give you five days off.

after these piglet m-----f-----s started cursing, Brother retaliated with, "you better stop f-----g with me or I'll kick your asses!" Surrett then went to the office and got a stinking hog named Tony Paluta. He oinked, "Go home! We will call you later." After five days Brother Larry phoned a pig Union Steward named Dick Savener. Savener oinked to the brother, "You have been terminated." Brother Larry had a witness, James W. Jones with him. James said the pigs told him that unless he did lie in their favor he would be terminated too. Larry went to Clay Ward, head pig over Teamsters Local 41. When Ward was doing his oinking Brother Larry could see the conspiracy that was going on against him. James said he wasn't going for that bullshit. So now he is on their shit list too. James was not called to the office or to the investigation. Brother James is not a Panther. Gustin-Bacon (Today's pig is tomorrows bacon) was aware that Brother Larry was a Panther. Last week a suit was filed against the corporation and the Teamsters Local 41 in Kansas City, Kansas by the U.S. Government. This was for discrimination against non-whites. Don't get uptight on this Government s--t action, because this is just something to make Blacks and people of color think they are trying to help us. B---S--t!!

Senator Everet M. (M-----f-----) Dirksen has proven this by telling Clifford Alexander of O.E.O. to stop harassing (meaning bugging racist capitalist) or he would go to the Chief hog Nixon and get somebody's job (meaning Alexander's). Alexander resigned his office, playing right into their (pigs) hands. He should have said kiss my a--! And stayed until 1971. Gustin-Bacon and the Teamsters were ordered by the U.S. Pigs to clean-up their pigpens. Unions across this nation are helping to oppress us.

A.F.L., C.I O should be A.F.L of C I A! I W. Able and all the rest are going to hear us say, "Stick your pig contracts up your m-----f----g a---s!"

The revolution in Labor is here! So all you Hogs, Pigs and porkchops bootlicking niggers, get the H--- out of the way or wait to be sent there.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

Thomas Robinson
Deputy Minister of Labor
Kansas City (Mo.) Chapter Black Panther Party

F.B.I. PIG HARASSMENT

About 11 am, Tuesday, April 29, 1969, a F.B.I. pig came to my job (I work at a candle place in Buchaanis, New York). He saw my boss and asked if Laurence Newkirk worked there. My boss said yes, I will go and get him for you. He called me to see this certain person. I approached the man he pointed out to me and he showed me the F.B.I. badge and card. I said "what is this?" He pulled out the federal warrant and put it in my hand. I asked him again, "what is this, and what are you doing here?" He replied, "show up at this place", (which was indicated on the warrant). Then I asked the pig what was this warrant about? I then asked him if it was an Internal Revenue Charge. He then said, that he could not give out any information. I later found out that the pigs wanted me to testify on a National basis against the members of the Black Panther Party. I then said to him, "what kind of game is this? You issue something that you do not know about?" He then walked out after my boss asked me what was going on. I did not know what to make of this.

I got off from work at 5 pm, and I then went to the library to look and see what the charge was. The Peekskill Library did not have the information I wanted. I then went to the Internal Revenue because it is the federal pig system, they did not know what the charge was. I went to the Officers Staff meeting and showed the Defense Captain the warrant. We went through serious conversation and then called several lawyers. The answer came the next day, Wednesday, April 30. Bashir Aghasi (Peekskill's Defense Captain) then related the charge to me. The charge was anarchy. In other words trying to overthrow the U.S. pig government. I said "What! How ridiculous". But the pigs will do anything. I then made arrangements to handle the U.S. pig department.

This is one of the many tactics used by the pig system to eliminate the Black Panther Party and stop it's efforts to liberate Black people.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
OFF THE PIG....

Brother Sahani Malik
Lt. of Education
Black Panther Party
22 Nelson Avenue
Peekskill, New York

TO WHITE BROTHERS AT MAHWAH

Some of you may not know what's been happening and what this strike is all about.

Last week the United Black Brothers began a walk out after a newly hired worker was fired. He had walked into the body shop office to find out where he would work that night. Ray Eskew, the supervisor, told him he had no business in the office and used abusive language. Eskew ended up by saying, "Get out of here, you're fired, YOU BLACK MOTHERFUCKER."

Local 906 was nowhere to be found. On Thursday, the United Black Brothers walked out and demanded that Eskew be removed and:

1. The dismissal or transfer of supervisors with acts of repeated discrimination and abuse.
2. The reinstatement of workers who were provoked into violation of company rules by supervisors and were subsequently fired.
3. In view of the number of Black workers employed with related problems, we demand more Black representation in the labor relations and hourly personnel departments.
4. Establishment of the United Black Brothers as the spokesman of Black workers in Mahwah.
5. If management has not met the above demands by April 29, 1969, we shall begin the second phase of direct action and will not be held responsible for any actions taken against the oppressive and racial policies of the Ford Motor Company.
6. We demand no reprisals against any workers for acts taken in this fight for our human rights and dignity.
7. No loss of pay or privileges by any worker as a result of actions taken to win the above demands.
8. We as workers will defend our human rights at any cost.

They have asked all workers to support the strike. What does this strike have to do with white workers?

We know that this isn't the first time a worker has been insulted and fired arbitrarily. It happens all the time. How many times have you heard a supervisor or foreman call a worker "Dirty Guinea Bastard", "Black son-of-a -bitch", and "Stinking Spick" to name a few.

Yet the company wants white workers to think that a strike led by black workers against these conditions is directed against them. (Already, rumors have been spread that white workers were thrown out of a United Black Brothers meeting) The company wants to use racial fears to divide the workers. They would be happy if they could get whites to think that since they're a little better off than most black workers, it is not worth making a fuss.

but what's so great about Ford Mahwah when all workers are treated without respect.

All workers, for the first 90 days have no protection and are forced to do any job assigned to them. Then, many are fired after 85 days, a sneaky system of planned lay-offs. While workers are being fired, all workers throughout the line are overworked.

All workers have to work in intolerable heat during the summer months (in a "modern" plant that was supposed to be air-conditioned).

The United Black Brothers are demanding that workers be treated with basic human dignity.

The company wants us to think that this isn't our fight. But when black workers are not treated with dignity and respect due to all men, this hurts us all. It opens the way for all of us to be stepped on. If we don't support their fight, we are playing into hands of the company which wants to divide us and, thereby keep us weak.

SUPPORT THE DEMANDS
RESPECT THE STRIKE
DON'T GO TO WORK
(The plant will be shut down anyway. You can call in sick to protect your job.)
DON'T BELIEVE RUMORS, COME DOWN TO THE UNION HALL AND TALK WITH THE BROTHERS
FIND OUT WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING.
PEACE AND POWER

FRIENDS OF PANTHERS CONFERENCE

The Black Panther Party and Friends of the Black Panthers have called for a day long political-organizing conference on Saturday, May 17, at the First Unitarian Church at 8th and Vermont at 10:00 A.M. sharp.

Raymond Massai Hewett and leading Panther cadres will lead the workshops and planning sessions. An important policy statement is expected.

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UNITE

All oppressed people must understand that a big part of the ruthless economic exploitation and political oppression of the proletariat and peasant came from these three categories of oppression.
1.) The Avaricious businessmen
2.) Demagogic politicians and
3.) Racist pig cops.

We are fighting a class struggle. In a class society everyone lives as a member of a particular class, and every kind of thinking, without exception, is stamped with a brand of a class. And if you think that I am lying just go out into the different communities in the town or cities you live in and you can see it as clear as day and night. We the people, the proletariat, and peasant must face objective reality, and deal with the three categories of oppression in a revolutionary manner. This means we must study our Marxist-Leninism the works of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Huey P. Newton, and Eldridge Cleaver.

The most important thing is to put these powerful ideological weapons into practice. Another thing we have to understand is that changes in society are due chiefly to the development of the contradictions in society which is very true. The contradiction between the old and new is the development of these contradictions that pushes the masses of people forward and gives them impetus for the supersession of the old society by the new. Classes struggle, some classes triumph, others are eliminated. Such is history, such is the history of civilization for thousands of years. This is very important to interpret history from this viewpoint which is historical materialism, which is facts and reality. Standing in opposition to this viewpoint is historical idealism. As Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party says "the spirit of the people is greater than the man's technology."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD
FREE HUEY

Charles Bursey

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The Panther Party has made public statements over the past year to the effect that we know there are agents in the Party, and to plot such a hairbrain scheme such as Hogie would have the people believe, is utter madness. The enemy of our people is not the multitudes of exploited whites, or oppressed blacks; the true enemy of all people are the pigs in City Hall, who sit in the stone and Ivory Towers, and ignore the anguished cries of Black and Puerto Ricans peoples for total control of their own destiny. Because this would mean an end to the buckets of money the avaricious businessmen, and racist politicians, take out of our community daily. The Black Panther Party because of our involvement in our community towards stopping this exploitation and our correct method of resistence to pig oppression, namely in hospitals, schools, our Breakfast program, decentralization of the police department, etc, have won the support of the people, and our belief that Black people and all people should defend themselves from the racist pig police, and that our people should exercise their constitutional right and arm themselves, has led to city hall systematic extermination attempts by their goon squads.

Black people have been organized and programmed into their oppression, with the all to willing racist press and bootlicking Negroes and it is the duty of the Black Panther Party to organize our people, by our actions and with our bodies and souls, out of this oppression and seize political and economical power for all oppressed and exploited people. We will not desist from this, and the attempts by the racist, decadent power structure.

To repress the people, by locking them up, murdering them, will be met with more and more resistance. Until all oppressed people of this country and the world have eradicated the real criminals who kill, and exploit people for the profit of few while the masses of people suffer. This we will do.

Power To The People
Anaye Dharuba
Acting Field Secretary
New York State

ARAB PEOPLE DETERMINED TO FIGHT UNTIL VICTORY OR DEATH

Beirut 29/4/69
Dear Friends,

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine sends you its greetings.

The P.F.L.P is a National Liberation movement that is waging an armed struggle against imperialism. The imperialist forces in our area, the middle East, is represented by the NAZI-LIKE Israel backed by the U.S.A and its allies.

Our conflict started when the imperialist powers tried to plant a foreign body in our area. This foreign body (Israel) has the role of protecting the imperialists' interests in the area. The technically advanced U S A supplies Israel by the modern tools of destruction to be used against us. The Palestinian people resorted to arms. It is the "people's war" that will subdue the technically advanced imperialist forces. The P.F L.P has carried on a guerrilla warfare for the past two years. We will continue this guerrilla fight until victory.

This is a small introduction about the P.F.L P , and we hope that the following letters will make clear to you all other details.

The P.F L.P., after getting to know what you aim for and fight for, announces that it supports you morally. It is the liberation that we fight for. We are all in the same boat, facing the same ENEMY

LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION AGAINST IMPERIALISM

P.F.L.P. Information Department

FREE MICHAEL H. HARRIS

It was May 5, 1969, 9:00 in the morning, as several members of the Black Panther Party in Des Moines sat in the chamber of Pig Judge Gibson Holiday. It was a parole violation hearing. It lasted 10 minutes. Michael Harris was accused of parole violations on the grounds of:
1. Traveling out of Polk County
2. Operating a motor vehicle
3. Owning a firearm

Michael stood before the Pig Judge and explained that he had found it necessary to leave the county to perform in revolutionary culture shows and to sell Black Panther newspapers. He explained how the money went to the Free Breakfast Program to feed hungry children. He explained how he had received threatening calls to himself and his blind mother. He told how the gun was solely for self-defense purposes. He explained all of this. He read from "Soul on Ice" and quoted Elijah Muhammed. Prior to the hearing Micheal Harris had written these words:

"My hearing is concerning the following: Leaving the county, possession of a firearm, and driving without consent of the Chief of Parole Officers. The charges are true and I admit it because I have nothing to hide and have justifiable reasons to back them up. I left the county twice without permission because my people come first and the Party comes first, it was very necessary I go. I went to Ames, Iowa to sell papers, the money to be used for the Free Breakfast Program. I went to Fairfield, Iowa to put on some Revolutionary plays which I had to direct for the money to go to the Breakfast Program. I drove because I couldn't afford insurance, my father is old and can't see well and must go to work to survive, and my mother is totally blind, and all errands must be ran for her. 7:00 a.m., I would pick up little brothers and sisters to come to the Breakfast Program.

The firearm? I had received numerous threatening phone calls and had to have something to protect myself and family with, the end results of those threatening calls can be plainly seen by coming to take a look at the Panther Headquarters. It is a miracle that the brothers survived, therefore I feel that our cause must be right. My pig probation officer searched my room and found that piece, a 32 revolver and searched my father's car under the pretense that it was a probation officer's right and in his own words, "I could have searched the whole damn house."

He also uttered numerous lies and oinked frequent inconsistencies. I didn't violate my probation through arrogance or snobbishness. I respect it in a sense, because after all I can't help my people by sitting behind bars for 25 years. (I was convicted of robbery with aggravation last fall). But I violated it to help my people and the Party and if prison is the end result of that, then Right on...I'll do life.

All of this above is to prove the fact that this motherfucking oppressive government is in all actuality subversive, this government to its people. Any time pigs mace people who have damn near been killed, that government isn't acting in the interest of the people. Any time a constitution gives the right to bear arms and a man is refused permission to protect himself and his family, this government is subversive. Any time people cannot speak their minds, join the political party that they think is most effective, have a peaceful demonstration, that government is subversive. And as the Brother Eldridge says in "Soul on Ice":

"It's only a matter of time until the question of the prisoners debt to society versus society's debt to the prisoners is injected forcefully into national and state politics, into civil and human rights struggle, and into the consciousness of the body of politics."

Therefore I say that since this society produces someone who is capable of committing a crime, it is the society itself that is criminal, therefore this government, this society and nation and all its people are subversive, subversive to mankind, love and humanity.

The people, the people who are the real heroes have promised to avenge the Vanguard Party and the Black community, those brothers and sisters out there on the streets, trying to survive from day to day, those people that the system looks down upon as savage, ignorant and inhuman have promised to avenge us, the Black Panther Party for the piggish attacks. Therefore this is why I dedicate my life to the people."

He did and said all these things. And as his blind mother sat there crying the pig judge revoked the parole of the Deputy Chairman, Michael H. Harris. Michael turned and looked at his parole officer and said, "Mr. Albert, may I talk to you for a minute?" When the pig was steps away Michael spit in his eye and the last thing the brother said on the way out of the door was:
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

He paused for a minute in the doorway and said "HUEY P NEWTON MUST BE SET FREE RIGHT NOW!"

CASE of Clarence Cavil

In accordance with the pig effort to wipe out the Des Moines Chapter of the Black Panther Party, the pigs have taken Captain C.C. to jail.

He is being charged with arson of Jewett Lumber Co. The only evidence is that Captain C C.'s car was seen in the vicinity of the lumber yard. The arrest was racist and an insult to the black community. It seems that there is a plot to continuously harass Party members. These trumped up charges against Captain C. C. obviously will not stand up in court. We want him out of jail.

The case of Michael Harris is very much the same as the case confronting Eldridge Cleaver and all other brothers that are faced with this situation all across the country.

Even now as Michael Harris sits in County Jail waiting to be taken to the State Reformatory, the pigs are escalating and intensifying efforts to wipe out the Black Panther Party. NOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE GOT TO GET TOGETHER AND STOP THIS.

The Black Panther Party is demanding an investigation into the revocation. We are demanding that Michael H. Harris be set free, forth with and immediately. Because as long as the lives of brothers like Mike are in the hands of such arrogant pigs, the struggle for liberation of thirty million Black people in this country is in danger.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
BLACK POWER TO BLACK PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
FREE HUEY P. NEWTON
FREE MICHEAL HARRIS
FREE BOBBY SEALE
FREE ELDRIDGE CLEAVER
FREE THE DES MOINES 14
FREE THE NEW YORK 21
FREE THE LOS ANGELES 1 - BOB SMITH
FREE CLARENCE CAVIL
FREE ALL BLACK PEOPLE

Denver, Colo. -- Black students at East High School refused to waver on fourteen demands presented to the school administration.

The Black students led by Black Panthers Judy Benton, Kelvin Booker and Susan Alexander informed the principal at East that unless he implemented their demand that racist pig forces be removed from the school area that they would be forced to deal with that problem in a revolutionary manner.

ILLINOIS BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Weekly Report (5-5-69) - Dep. Min. of Health, Ronald "Doc" Satchel

This week we have been mainly working on organizing a free health center for the black community. The work is in starting one in one of the most medically deprived areas in the city. I've been working with another organization called LASH (Lawndale Association for Social Health), along with a few doctors. I've made contact with a large medical corporation, who agreed to donate the necessary equipment. The real work however is finding doctors who would donate their services during the day. It then arises that we may at first start the center on a evening time basis.

Forming a medical Cadre that will be effective in every respect of first aid has also been part of my work this week.

The Black Panther Party in the State of Illinois has reached a higher level in its attitude toward "paper Panthers" and renegades. We realize the importance of purging members who won't function when given every opportunity to do so.

All Power to the People
Doc



A FIST FULL OF SUPPORT

A fist frames Bobby Lee at the Illinois Black Panther party "Free Huey Newton" rally outside the Federal Building to show their support for the imprisoned Panther leader. Four police tactical teams, consisting of 116 men, stood around the fringe of the crowd of 500 at the rally.

There was a crowd of 1500-2000.

The Black Panther Party and the Underclass

We have always stated that:
All Power belongs to the people
Black Power to Black People
White Power to White People
Brown Power to Brown People
Yellow Power to Yellow People
Red Power to Red People
And X Power to those we forget

Other people are now questioning the Party's policy of the work being done with the Young Patriots, who are a southern white revolutionary organization. The Black Panther Party realizes that the struggle is no longer one to overcome race prejudice. The Black Panther Party is now engaging in the Class struggle, even though race prejudice is an important factor. We are also aware that America has many nationalities and ethnic groups who are oppressed and who know that the American dream is in reality a nightmare.

The Black Panther Party does not speak of skin color and race differences when working with the southern whites or Puerto Ricans. The Black Panther Party deals with all underclass brothers on the "Concepts of poverty," that in this society all people may be considered equal before the law, but there remains inequality of income and wealth, of prestige and esteem of power and authority. The Black Panther Party deals with our underclass brothers on the concepts of class status, that prestige generally depends upon the way in which a man's behavior is evaluated by the members of his own community. They form status groups, they treat each other as social equals, encouraging the intermarriage of their children (Rocky's marries Percy's) joins the same clubs, churches, and participates in such informal pig pens as dances, dinners and receptions, in short, these people only maintain intimate social relations with people in similar economic position.

The status group is characterized by a specific behavior pattern, a definite "style of life" which must be adhered to by those who wish to belong to it. Therefore, hillbillys from the mountains, exslaves from Africa, Puerto Ricans from black to white in color, Indians of the reservation and little slant-eyed orientals are not accepted.

It is up to the Black Panther Party to organize the People to overthrow the ruling class. It is up to the Black Panther Party to teach the people who are their enemies and why all other Black Movements failed because they were not able to unite with their real friends.

The unity of our People and the unity of our various nationalities - These are the basic guarantees to the sure revolution in America which will lead to a sure victory.

POWER BELONGS TO ALL PEOPLE, BOB LEE, FIELD SECRETARY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

HISTORICALLY, ALL REACTIONARY FORCES ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION INVARIABLY CONDUCT A LAST DESPERATE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES

LAW DAY ON CENTRE ST.

NEW YORK, May 1--Between 200 and 300 Black Panthers stood stolidly back to back before the Criminal Courts Building at about one p.m. as I left the nearby tenant-landlord court.

I learned that the show of strength was in support of six Panthers about to undergo a hearing inside the building. They had all been arrested last April 2 and accused of planning to bomb various sites throughout the city. As I approached the 11th floor courtroom where the hearing was to take place, I saw forty Panthers waiting to be searched before they would be allowed to enter; men first, then women.

I too was searched before I entered.

Once inside, Black Panthers filled all the seats on the left side of the courtroom, so I sat on the right, no more than five rows from the front--annoyed as I sat there at having been needlessly subjected to a search. I turned to the Spanish man seated behind me and asked him if he knew whether such a procedure was unconstitutional -- a violation of my rights. Since everybody, whites as well as blacks had been searched, he said, there seemed to be little we could do about it. It was then I told him about an incident that had occurred earlier in the tenant-landlord court where I had gone to help represent a tenant. The judge had made a big speech when court begn about the importance of law and the significance of May 1 as "Law day." Later I watched that same judge administer this awesome "law" by adjourning my tenant's case without questioning the word of a slumlord's attorney that his client was ill!

This same slumlord had claimed to be sick several times before when I and tenants had appeared in court. To heighten the absurdity of his claim, he had been seen in the tenant's building the night before, obviously well and healthy! I had been unable to restrain myself, and had spoken with the judge attacking his decision and his concept of the "law."

When I had finished telling the incident to the Spanish man who sat behind me, he told me about one of his own experiences with "justice" and the "law." He said he worked for a lawyer who had once represented a Puerto Rican client before a judge in the Bronx named Marks. Accidentally, he explained, he had found out about a demonstration some six or seven years before held by blacks against this judge for his discriminatory attitude toward both Blacks and Puerto Ricans. Subsequently, he said, he had gotten clippings from the Spanish paper La Prisa, and the New York Times, describing the demonstration. He said he then showed the clippings to people he thought might lend their support in case he too should decide that a demonstration against this judge was needed. The judge, however, ruled in the client's favor in the case, he said, and he had not had to proceed with the demonstration. No more than ten minutes after he finished telling me about the case, the judge who was scheduled to preside over the hearing for the six Panthers entered the courtroom. Guess What. He was Marks -- the same judge my Spanish friend had just described!

The attorneys for the Panthers stood, explaining that they were seeking a reversal of an earlier decision made by Marks against their clients. They asked him to disqualify himself since he was the very judge who had handed down the decision. Marks denied the request, and also rejected the request for a writ of habeus corpus. The lawyers for the Panthers argued that the defendants were present and could speak for themselves. But, the judge said he had already ruled in the case, that he didn't want to hear anymore about it, and that the crowd demonstrating outside couldn't "intimidate" him into anything. Judge Marks left the courtroom shouting that the defendants be remanded into custody. The Black Panthers in the courtroom and those other Blacks among us who had some awareness gave the Brothers the power for the Black people sign.

I left the courtroom and as I entered the hallway, I again met my Spanish friend who suggested I mention to the Panthers' lawyer the fact that the judge had once been picketed for discrimination. I agreed. As one of the attorneys made his way toward the elevator, I approached him, introduced myself and brought the matter to his attention. After he had assured me he would check the New York Times to find out more about it, I took the elevator to the ground floor. I found the police and barricades around the Panthers outside still as strong as ever.

I stood around until the Panthers who had been in the courtroom came downstairs. While I was standing there, a white guy came up to me and asked me who Huey Newton was. I told him to ask one of the Panthers because I had no comment to make.

I walked over to the little park area in front of the building and was about to sit down when I saw my Spanish friend.

While we talked, sirens screamed, but we couldn't tell where the sound was coming from. Finally, I saw flashing patrol lights near the Supreme Court building. I hurried over to see what was happening and found the subway entrance directly in front of the Supreme Court building blocked by white and Negro sadistic spectators. When the crowd had cleared, about fifteen policemen, some with helmets on, others wearing their regular gear, came up out of the subway entrance. Two of them were dragging a Brother who was bleeding from the head, face and chest -- his shirt was filled with blood and partially ripped off. They took him off to a police car to be taken away to who knows where??

I turned to a young black sister as she came up the stairs of the subway. She was badly shaken by what had happened. I asked her what had happened and she said, "What happened?? Do you have to ask what happened? A Brother was just beaten by the police, and you're asking what happened?"

She said there were three Brothers and a Sister downstairs talking when a group of policemen came over to them and after exchanging a few words with them, pulled a gun on the Sister.

At that point, she said, things started happening fast. She said she saw the police attack this Brother with their billy clubs. The Sister, still shaking, turned away from me, and from the midst of the crowd, I could hear another Brother yelling. His cries seem to come out of frustration at having witnessed the malicious beating of a fellow Black. I hurried over to help two brothers who by then were trying to get him to cool it. As I approached them, I heard him yell, "God Damn White cops, I'm going to get me a gun and kill you fuckin' bastards!" I yelled to him, "Whatever you're going to do, do it! But don't tell these whiteys what you're going to do. How can you do it if you give them time to get prepared?"

I was finally close enought to him to touch him. It was a real job trying to restrain him from attacking a policeman. The police were all around us. There was a chief with a group of policemen directly behind me, and as I looked to my left, I saw one of the helmeted cops with his phallic symbol clinched tightly, moving rapidly towards the Brother. I yelled out, "Be cool Brother, there's a pig in heat waiting to bust your head!" After I made that remark, I heard the chief tell the approaching cop to take it easy.

As if the cops weren't enough, suddenly three white men appeared from out of what seemed like nowhere, hurling insults at the Brothers -- insults nasty enough to provoke a fight. One of them had on a light blue suit with a white shirt, black tie and sunglasses. He had sandy brown hair, looked as though he weighed about 205 pounds and was about 34 years old. Another had on dark casual slacks, and a light blue zip up windbreaker. He was partially bald in front with thin brown hair on the back of his head. He looked to be about 5'11", 40 years old and weigh about 200 pounds. The third white man could only be seen slightly since he stayed well behind the first two.

All three of them followed us, continuing to hurl insults at us until we arrived in front of the Criminal Courts Building. There the three Brothers I was with joined the group of more than 200 Black Panthers. Once in the group, the brother who had been yelling quieted and listened to the advice of the other Brothers.

I stood around for awhile. Then two of my friends happened along and we talked about the urgency of doing something about the police massacreing problem. We started walking back to the subway entrance in front of the Supreme Court Building. When we got there, there were some Panthers lined up in perfect formation. Then they filed into the subway.

I talked a little more with my friends and while we were talking, the same three white guys we had seen before showed up again. This time, they just stood there talking to each other until all the Panthers had gone down into the subway. Then they went down. At this point, I said goodbye to my friends and went slowly down behind the three white men. They went over to the turnstyles and stood there talking to each other and watching the Panthers. Then I saw one of them get a wave from two policemen. He turned and talked with his two companions. Then one went through the turnstyle apparently to take the same train that a group of the Panthers were taking. The other two disappeared while I watched the first.

It was obvious that the three men were police plants, sent to start some kind of confrontation in order to discredit the beauty with which the Panthers conducted themselves. Another attempt by white power to provoke and destroy the image of the true crusaders for black dignity, pride and self-respect and self-determination.

More Power to More Black People
Leroy Johnson, Jr.



BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

We of the Black Panther Party are calling on all mothers and others who want to work with our revolutionary program of making sure that our young have full stomachs before going to school. The schools and the Board of Education should have had this program instituted long ago. So we of the Black Panther Party are moving to see that the true needs and desires of the Black people are met. How can we expect to develope strong, brave, intelligent Black leaders if they have to concentrate on their empty stomach instead of their books? Black people in the Black Community. Mothers, Welfare recipients, grandmothers, guardians and others who are trying to raise children in the Black Community under the constant oppression of this racist society, are asked to come forth and work and support this program. Soulfood: grits, eggs, bread and meat for the stomach is what's happening when it comes to properly preparing our children for education! LET'S DO IT NOW! SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM. Those who want to volunteer their work can come to the Black Panther Headquarters at: 8417 12th Street or call 897-3610.

We urge as many Mothers and other Black citizens as possible to unite with this COMMUNITY-PANTHER PROGRAM. We are also asking all businesses throughout the Black Community to donate the necessary food and utensils to prepare the food for our children.

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HAVE FAITH IN THE PEOPLE
HAVE FAITH IN THE PARTY
PEACE AND FREEDOM TO THE WORLD
Detroit Branch
Black Panther Party

BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE
SEND DONATIONS TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2624 WEST ST., OAKLAND

☐ Money Enclosed is $__________
☐ Time
☐ Food or Utensils-State Kind and Quantity Below

If Business include for your tax exemption __________

Name__________

Address__________ City__________

State__________ Zip__________

MAKE CHECKS TO: BFSC — ST. AUGUSTINES CHURCH

SAFEWAY STORE OAKLAND DONATES FOOD FOR BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN

After months of hassling, Safeway, which is one of the largest and richest chain stores in this country finally came through for the people. On Saturday, April 26, 1969, Safeway began a policy which I'm sure will spread throughout the country once the people get word of it. The policy I am speaking of is donations for the Breakfast for School Children program.

Safeway obviously recognizes the need of poor black children to have at least one good meal a day. After years and years of reaping profits from the people, they (Safeway) finally gave the people food free of cost. Now let's take this into consideration. The average black family of five spends approximately thirty dollars a week on food. This amounts to %1,560 a year spent on food alone. With the cost of living going up at a phenomenal rate, this figure is most assuredly going to rise also. It is also a known fact that Safeway is making grand theft money off black people. In practically every city where there is a large black community, there are several Safeway stores. It's also a known fact that the Black Panther Party is spreading rapidly across the nation, and that means more Breakfast for Children programs will be started. Since Safeway has taken the initial step in showing a socialistic attitude towards the needs and desires of the people, perhaps this action will prompt other nationwide chain stores (Giant Foods, A & P, etc.) to donate food for hungry children in cities where the Black Panther Party has Breakfast programs. The Black Panther Party feels that the donations should be on a weekly basis, with $100 a week as a minimum donation. Since Safeway is a multi-million dollar corporation, we feel that this is a very modest demand. The Black Panther Party thanks Safeway for taking this Revolutionary step towards the people.

All Power to the People
Panther Power to the Vanguard
Sumante Chara Black
B.P.P National Headquarters



Happiness is serving the People

ILLINOIS BLACK PANTHER PARTY

The following is a partially complete table of the criminal prosecutions which have been brought against the Illinois Panthers in a determined effort to smash the party both financially and organizationally. Space does not permit an explanation of the actual circumstances surrounding each arrest and prosecution: the table shows only the charges, bail, and next court date (UUW - Unlawful Use of Weapons):

In January three Panthers were busted outside the Afro Arts Theatre:
Nathaniel Junion - UUW - $1,000
Bobby Rush - UUW & possession - $1,000
William O'Neal - UUW - $1,000

Last december twelve Panthers were busted on the South Side and charged with a number of misdeameanors and weapons charges. Bails were set at from $7,000 to $14,000 each. The charges were all dismissed in court May 2.

In March a carload of Panthers was stopped and searched:
Alvino Shinn - UUW - $1,500
Iris Shinn - UUW - 500
Chuckles May - UUW 500
Michael Harrison - UUW - 1,500
Jerry Dunigan - UUW - 1,500
May 9, branch 40

Also in March a second car was stopped and searched:
Ronald Satchel - UUW - $500
Bobby Tyler - UUW (two counts) - 500
Sam Latson - UUW & unsafe vehicle - 500
Robert Campbell - UUW - 500
May 21, branch 43

Last month three Panthers were arrested in a trap for allegedly trying to buy machine guns:
Nathaniel Junior - conspiracy to purchase automatic weapons - recognizance
Merrill Harvey - same - recognizance
Mickey White - same - $100,000 trial June 23, Judge Sam Perry

Last week seven Panthers were accused of torturing a woman (see this issue, p. 14):
James White - conspiracy to commit murder, armed robbery, UUW - $10,000
David Valentine - same - 5,000
William O'Neal - same - 10,000
Richard Powell - same - 10,000
May 7, Oaklawn
Nathaniel Junior - wanted & at large
Merrill Harvey - wanted & at large
Fred Hampton - aggravated battery 1,000
June 4, Oaklawn

In February eleven Panthers were arrested in Champaign for sleeping in a room rented for four. They pleaded guilty to defrauding an innkeeper and were fined $25 each.

Several Panthers were arrested last month in Robbins following a local incident:
Alvino Shinn - aggravated battery - $ 10,000
Jimmy Veals - aggravated battery - 10,000
Bobby Rush - UUW - 10,000

In February two Panthers were arrested on the University of Illinois campus:
Che Brooks - disorderly & resisting - $1,500
William Dunn - disorderly - 500
found guilty Apr. 22, fined $50 each

In March three Panthers were busted after two off-duty cops tried to get them into a drag race:
Mickey White - attempted murder, UUW, aggravated battery - $ 15,000
Lester Brown - aiding & abetting - 1,000
Richard Mister - aiding & abetting 1,000

May 15, branch 44

In addition a number of Panthers have individual charges pending against them from widely scattered incidents and busts:
Fred Hampton - mob action - acquitted
Fred Hampton - aggravated battery - $12,000 - May 22, branch 46
Fred Hampton - disorderly, mob action - recognizance - May 22, branch 46
Fred Hampton - aggravated battery -$2,500 - June 16, Minor Wilson
Fred Hampton - mob action - $2,500 - May 22, branch 46
Fred Hampton - robbery -convicted April 7, sentencing May 13
Fred Hampton - mob action (Wicker Park) $2,000 - ?, branch 46
Gerry Tyler - leafletting - ? - ?, branch 42
Bobby Rush - UUW, no firearm owners identification card - $2,000 - convicted March 21, sentenced to 6 mo., $3,000 appeal bond
Hank Gaddis - posting hand bills - ? - May 14, branch 43
Sam Latson - posting hand bills - ? - May 14, branch 43
Chaka Walls - aggravated battery - $2,000 - June 2, branch 44

SOLIDARITY AND VICTORY THROUGH THE STRUGGLE

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to write but I am only allowed one letter a day and I've been trying to correspond with the brothers and sisters in the cadre. I was informed of the reactionaries vamp on the San Francisco Chapter and their attempt to ice D.C. Originally, laws were made to serve man, but we have seen how the reverse has been true. We make laws and institutions because we cannot live in society without them, but when those laws fail us and threaten our existence, then new laws must be set in their stead. We cannot make perfect laws or institutions, because, we, ourselves are not perfect. Therefore we must bear in mind that conditions change. As conditions change around us, so must our laws and institutions, for if the laws and institutions are not compatible with these changes we can and must expect instability.

In recent years we find that everywhere, the masses are asking for a redistribution of the wealth of the land which we all love. We have worked this land, we have and will die for this land, and we want an equal share of this land for everyone who will work or who is physically unable to work. We realize the importance of labor, (we have always labored) in the scheme of production. We do not believe some people are privileged to live decently, we believe it is a basic right of every man to live decently. We were all born and thus we all have a right to live. Some people think they were born to rule poor people, but that is rubbish! (Man will only be ruled if he chooses to be ruled). They glorify themselves and hide their misdeeds. We say let the people judge your merits as well as your mistakes. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE WHOM I HAVE UNDYING FAITH IN

Afeni Shakur

TELEGRAM TO THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Black Panther Party
4115 South Central Avenue
Los Angeles

The French Federation of Black African Students upholds firmly the anti racist and anti imperialistic struggle of our Black American Brothers. stop. Your contribution is an important part of the world liberation struggle for Black People... Fight on Black Panthers and Huey P. Newton.

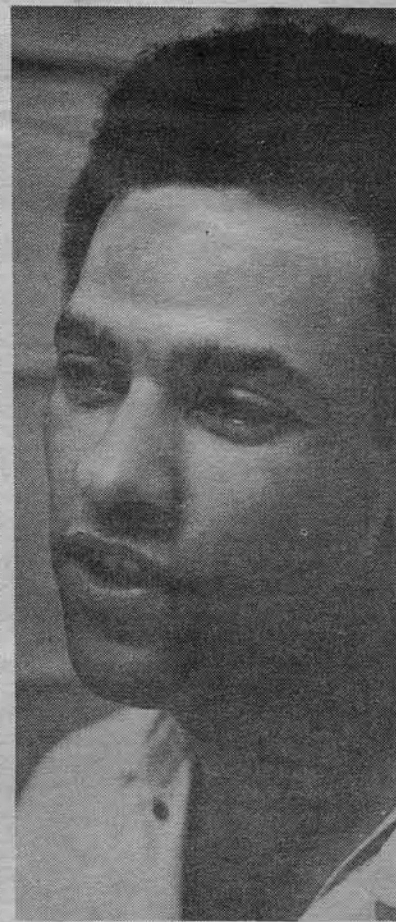
French Federation of Black African Students
96 Rue Broca
Paris, France



INTERVIEW WITH LEE EDWARD NEWTON

LEN: I'm Huey P. Newton's brother. My name is Lee Edward Newton.
MLN: The first thing I wanted to ask is if you could run over some of your concepts of the Black Panther Party, how it was formed, and what its goals are.
LEN: Well, I don't really know because when I knew about this, my brother, Huey P. Newton, and they had formed this Party, and when I knew about it I had seen it on T.V. and they were talking about it. That was the first of my knowledge.
MLN: How much younger is Huey than you?
LEN: About ten years.
MLN: Usually younger brothers will take after their older brothers. Did you feel that you had a real influence on him?
LEN: No, I didn't. My brother who lives in Los Angeles now, he is a couple of years younger than me. He (Huey) more or less took up with him. He's more like him.
MLN: He's also in the Party, the Black Panther Party, that brother, isn't he?
LEN: Well, I don't know.
MLN: When did you last see Huey?
LEN: Monday, a week ago.
MLN: How was he?
LEN: He's doing fine. He's about as well as he can be in jail.
MLN: You went to the trial.
LEN: Thirty-five days, if I'm not mistaken. I was there everyday.
MLN: What were your impressions? Did you have any impressions of the trial?
LEN: They railroaded him to prison. He didn't have a chance because they wouldn't even listen to his side of the story. They even sent the jury out when his witness came for him. They wouldn't even let him listen. So it wasn't a fair trial, period.
MLN: How do you think the Oakland establishment views the efforts of the Black Panther Party? What do they think the Black Panther Party is trying to do?
LEN: They're trying to get the rights of black people, that's all.
MLN: What do you think of the Oakland Police.
LEN: Well, I don't think nothing of the Oakland police. As a matter of fact, they don't have any police in Oakland, and I don't think they have very many police in San Francisco. They have a thousand pigs in each city, but not policemen. They have a few policemen in San Mateo county, but Oakland and San Francisco, they don't have policemen there. They have pigs. That's what they have.
MLN: Do you have any things that stands out in your memory of your younger brother? such as little incidents that he did as a kid while growing up?
LEN: He was a good boy. He was very kind. As a matter of fact, he was about the kindest of us all. He would go out of his way for somebody else. He wouldn't even -- I remember when he was seven or eight up until he got to be a teenager -- he wouldn't even fight back at school. He'd come home crying all the time.
MLN: How many brothers -- how big is the family?
LEN: Seven. Three sisters and four brothers.
MLN: Was Huey the...?
LEN: The baby?
MLN: The baby. Was he born here in California.
LEN: Yes.
MLN: You moved up from the south, didn't you?
LEN: New Orleans...That's where we're from... It was in the paper anyway.
MLN: Do you have any idea how big the Black Panther Party is?
LEN: Well, I really don't. I just know some people, you know. But how big it is I don't know.
MLN: How representational do you think it is of the black community? Do you think most of the black community feels that the Black Panther Party represents them?
LEN: Yes, now they do. At first they didn't. They thought it was just like most Caucasian people thought: it was just a hoodlum deal. But mainly everything that happens now, they say the Black Panthers did it. Lots of times, people dress like the Black Panthers dress and they'll say whatever happens it was a Black Panther. A real Black Panther doesn't go out and rob and steal.
MLN: What would you conceive a Black Panther doing?
LEN: The same thing Huey P. Newton was doing, my brother. Trying to help black people, not trying to hurt people, not trying to steal.
MLN: Do you know how Huey met people like Bobby Seale? How they got together? How did he meet Eldridge Cleaver?
LEN: Well, I don't know how he met Eldridge, but from my knowledge he met Bobby Seale in school, I think. They might have finished. I don't know. But from my understanding they knew each other in high school, I think, I'm not sure, but I think that's the way it was.
MLN: You know George Murray from San Francisco?
LEN: Why casually, not personally. But I do know him. I do know him, but that's about it.
MLN: Do you have any ideas on what's going on at San Francisco State, the strike?
LEN: No, I don't have any ideas. But I believe that if they moved the pigs out, the thing would settle down.
MLN: Your brother was harassed then by the police.
LEN: Everyday. Every time he walked out the house, the pigs'd wait until he'd come by or ride by. If he was in a car, they'd stop the car because of the license number. If he was walking, they'd arrest him for no reason. And each time he went to jail, he went on account of someone else. THE PIGS WOULD BE harrassing someone and he, the pigs would say, interfered with the arrest. But he would be talking to the person, whoever he was, black or white, telling him his rights. And he was standing his distance away from him cause he kept his law book with him. And they still would find some way to put him in jail.
MLN: Where did Huey get his philosophy? What was he reading?
LEN: He had some books, you know. But where he got them (his ideas) from...a lot of them, I guess...you see I don't know exactly when he started, but I know he had some. But like I first told you, when I first knew he was the founder of the Black Panther Party was when I saw it on T.V. I didn't even know about it. I saw him and Bobby Seale together. I was surprised, you know.
MLN: Having a brother who's kind of famous, a leader, how does it make you feel?
LEN: I like it. At first I was afraid that something would happen. The way the thing was going, the way the pigs was after him all the time, I was afraid for him. Me personally I'd rather for someone else to be the leader, since it happened. But I couldn't undo something that happened. But now I have to accept it 'cause all I can do is hope it will be the best when he gets out of jail. I guess he will continue doing the right thing.
MLN: How long has he been in jail now
LEN: I would say almost two years.
MLN: You told me something before about your mother. And you're still receiving phone calls?
LEN: Oh, yeah. After they started the trial, we got lots of phone calls, threatening calls.
MLN: Is that still going on?
LEN: No.
MLN: How do you feel about most Caucasians?
LEN: I feel about the same about Caucasian people as I do about black people. In this way (I want to explain this): If a person's nice and treats me right, I like him and he could be black, green, purple, any color. If they're not right, I don't like them. If they don't treat me right, I don't have anything to do with them. It doesn't make any difference if a person... I don't want a lot of black people around me. I don't like all what they do and the same about white people. Some of them I don't like, like the pigs. If he's (a cop) any color, if he's right -- like I said in San Mateo there are a couple of policemen that are nice. I knew this. They are policemen. The snakes are pigs when they're not right, because when I see a woman friend, it doesn't make any difference if she's white, it doesn't make any difference, if I like her. I like her and I'd stand up for her the same as I would a black woman. But a colored woman doesn't make any difference to me. I don't see the color. That's where that is.
MLN: You've had contact with the cops. Do you have any personal incidents or anecdotes?
LEN: Yes, I do. About 1949 I was arrested, a misdemeanor, which I had a fight. I had a fight with a guy and the pigs came. Someone called the pigs and they came up and put me under arrest. And while I was sitting in the squad car, there was a young pig. I would say at that time, 1949, he looked to be about twenty-three and his partner who was with him, I would say about forty-five. And he asked me, the pig, the twenty-three year old pig, asked my my name. I told him my name, but he wrote Lee Edward Newton. But this was his remark: "What's your name? Nigger?" And he pretended he was writing it down, but he was writing my real name. I could see that. "What color are you? Black?" I am black. But my complexion,...you're looking at me. I'm not black. The true color would be brown. But that's what he did, and he also (he did this to harass me)...you figure this one out. I wouldn't say nothing. And he told his partner, this older man (at that particular time they used to have, at the fire station in West Oakland, they would take black people down when they arrested them, most of the time, and whip them down there). So he told his partner, he said, "Let's take him down to the fire station." His partner said, "For what?" "Beat hell out of him," he said. Then I spoke, "You gonna kill me down there. That's what you're gonna do, 'cause I ain't standing up and let you beat me." And so the older man said, "No he hasn't done anything, so we'll take him to jail." That was one experience. You see, I know about pigs.
MLN: Was your brother around at thi time?
LEN: No, he was too small then. He was later. You see, I know how the pigs are and for another thing, the pigs do this: In San Mateo, I have been in my car driving around. It doesn't make any difference, driving around with a black woman. The cops, pigs see me -- nothing. I rode around with this woman in San Mateo. She was Caucasian. Pigs see me. Nothing happens. Well, I would say, he was a policeman. I went to Oakland the same day. I drive a new car. The pigs stop me, want to check my brakes because I had this Caucasian woman in my car. After he stopped me and I asked him for what, he said he wanted to check my brakes. O.K. I let him. Then when he got out of the car, he asked me who was that woman. I said, "None of your damn business." That's it. That's a pig. That's just a few things telling you how they react. That's the reason I don't like them.
MLN: Well, how was your brother being treated in jail?
LEN: He was treated terribly in jail.
MLN: He's since been transferred.
LEN: He's treated better. They don't bother him now. When I say don't bother him, the pigs, when he was in Oakland, they tried to stab him to death, didn't want to feed him, and kept him in solitary and no clothes on him half of the time. And they kept us upset all the time. Now it's much better. He's in jail, but it's better.
MLN: They were trying to...
LEN: They were trying to kill him, that's all I can say.
MLN: You were saying he oriented his ideas himself.
LEN: He oriented them himself, far as I know.

FREE HUEY



LETTER TO HUEY

April 24, 1969
Dear Huey,

Your are my fourth son. Eldridge is my third. I imagine you could have been before Eldridge, if I had read about you first.

I wrote Eldridge last year, after I read his stupendous collosal of a book, SOUL ON ICE. Huey I never turn my back on my sons, but I feel Eldridge could have answered my letter. If you happen to run across him, please scold him for me, in his negligence of his other "Mother". (smiles).

Huey I purchased "Essays from THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE -- Huey Newton". After reading the essays, prompted me to write you this letter.

YOU ARE A GENIUS !!!!!!!!!

You are also beautiful, and above all, a very courageous MAN.
You are a born leader, and I stand side by side with you in our hour of liberation for all oppressed people.

The BLACK PANTHER PARTY has been criticized severely, from people that have been too lazy, or ignorant to get off their "asses" to obtain concrete information that will benefit them. The best information anyone can get is from the "horse's mouth." The "Horse's Mouth" is your Essays.

I am buying several copies of your Essays to distribute among my friends, to read, so when we communicate, there will be an enlightenment of the subject we will be discussing.

Bless you son for being born AGAIN.

With "Mother's" Love
Margaret E. Luke
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SOUL ON ICE?

"IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE PRISONER'S DEBT TO SOCIETY VERSUS SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE PRISONER IS INJECTED FORCEFULLY INTO NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS, INTO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, AND INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE BODY POLITIC. IT IS AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOT OF AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, THE STRUCTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW, THE PREVAILING BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD A CONVICTED FELON." (SOUL ON ICE, P.59)

Eldridge Cleaver made the decision to politically exile himself November 27th, on the basis that the Adult Authority made an outlaw decision, and that he has been denied his constitutional right to due process of law.

The revocation of Cleaver's parole was illegal, because no parole violation was committed.

The Adult Authority parole board has tried to maintain that Cleaver violated his parole by having a rifle in his possession, and by associating with individuals of bad reputation. This contention, we will show, is false. The Adult Authority version contradicts the Superior Court order itself:

"... Cleaver's only handling of a firearm (the rifle) was in obedience to a police command. He did not handle a hand gun at all. There was nothing one way or the other to show a conspiracy or a situation calling for the application of the doctrine of aiding and abetting. Hence, nothing supported either the possession of a firearm or the assault charge.

As to the charge of association with individuals of bad reputation, the report indicated that two or three of those named had "police records," but nothing to show whether any had been convicted of anything, or whether Cleaver knew of their arrest record." (Superior Court c.t. 137, 138, 140, 141.)

Parolee Cleaver was denied due process of law by being denied opportunity to present his case.

Why was Cleaver returned to prison as a parole violator if documented evidence to the contrary had been presented in his defense? To answer that question, one must examine the Adult Authority. This board has the right to arbitrarily revoke or suspend parole on any individual. At the same time, the Adult Authority maintains—falsely—that Cleaver has the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing. This is how it works:

"A parolee is served with violation charges, is interviewed, is given a hearing (before the Adult Authority itself, the charging party) at which the parolee may 'plead' to the parole violation charges, and is afforded an opportunity to present his defense."

"At the 'hearing' a parolee is denied the right to counsel, may not have an independent and impartial officer to conduct the hearing and make decision." (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 17)

Not only does the Adult Authority hold secret hearings, but it also refuses to notify persons under its jurisdiction of its procedures, or of its variable definitions of what constitutes a parole violation. This secrecy and vagueness is in direct violation of federal law which requires agencies to publish their procedures "for guidance of the public."

"Petitioner (Cleaver) is immediately and seriously prejudiced by the Adult Authority's unlawful refusal to publish its regulations, since he is to be imprisoned by virtue of an action which the Adult Authority still seeks to garb in this 'veil of secrecy.' (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 12)

Yes, the Adult Authority acted unjustly and illegally. Its decision was an outlaw decision. Cleaver had no chance of obtaining "justice" from these Star Chamber proceedings. Why then wouldn't the U.S. Supreme Court hear Cleaver's case? There are, we believe, three reasons why the case wasn't accepted. The first is that any fair minded court would obviously have released Cleaver, thereby setting a precedent. The second is that thousands of cases of alleged parole violation from all over California and other states would be subject to reversal. Thirdly, the illegal functioning of the Adult Authority would come under attack. The U.S. Supreme Court just couldn't afford to consider the Cleaver case during this turbulent period.

Eldridge Cleaver is a victim of naked, shameless political persecution. As Judge Sherwin puts it:

"... The uncontradicted evidence presented to this court indicated that the petitioner had been a model parolee. The peril to his parole status stemmed from no failure of personal rehabilitation, but from his undue eloquence in pursuing political goals, goals which were offensive to many of his contemporaries. Not only was there absence of cause for the cancellation of parole, it was the product of a type of pressure unbecoming, to say the least, to the law enforcement paraphernalia of this state."

Cleaver is in political exile because a man of his convictions cannot get justice here. Indeed, if we are to give more than lip service to the concepts of freedom and justice we must support him. The work to get him discharged from parole must continue. An intense publicity campaign is necessary now to bring to the public the legal defense and arguments which were carried to the courts with no satisfaction. We must all work together to focus attention of this case. This is not an issue of one man's freedom, but a broad struggle which affirms the right of all of us to speak out politically in this country. If Cleaver is not allowed his freedom, it is just a matter of time until all our freedoms are further reduced. His is not a personal struggle but a political one.

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